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Serious Business

IT is evident from the tone of Sir Anthony Eden's remarks in the House of Commons yesterday that so far as he is concerned, the visit of Mr. Bulganin and Mr. Khrushchev is no holiday jaunt, but a strictly business affair. The hope is that the Russian leaders will view the trip in the same light.

If the Soviet Premier and his colleagues so will it, a wide range of international problems and issues can be seriously and closely discussed with British political leaders next month, leading possibly to a closer identity of viewpoints and offering new scope for East-West negotiations.

That is within the bounds of possibility; nevertheless, not too much must be expected from the Anglo-Soviet talks. What Bulganin and Khrushchev regard to be the prime purpose of their visit cannot be forecast. But at least they have been given prior notice of Sir Anthony Eden's attitude. The British government is happy to play host to the Soviet leaders, but it also expects them to be prepared to sit down in serious conference and grapple with principles relating to solutions for existing international disputes.

IT may be the current London talks of the UN Disarmament Sub-committee will provide a clue to the intentions of Bulganin and Khrushchev. The sincerity of the new Soviet "we must live together in peace" sentiments could, for example, be given substance by acceptance of the Western powers' latest disarmament proposals. It will be interesting to discover what instructions Mr. Gromyko has been given for the disarmament discussions, for the outcome of the meeting could have a profound influence on the Bulganin-Khrushchev visit. If the Soviet delegate follows the old established polemical, propaganda line, it will signify that the Russian leaders have no real intention of getting to grips with international issues when they meet the British Premier and his colleagues. The visit will, therefore, yield nothing of note.

There is no suggestion that Sir Anthony Eden's discussions with the Russian leaders will produce there and then agreed solutions to international problems. For one thing, the British Premier has no mandate from the other Western powers to reach any bilateral agreements on such issues. But the talks could, and may produce a clearer and more definite declaration of Russian policy; may even disclose a willingness on the part of the Soviets to make concessions.

OF prime importance will be the reactions of Bulganin and Khrushchev when Sir Anthony introduces (as he must) the subject of the Middle East. The Prime Minister will not be satisfied with vague generalisations, and it is on this subject that the integrity of the Soviet leaders will be challenged. Nothing less than an outright repudiation by the Russians of any intentions to make the Middle East a Soviet sphere of influence will satisfy.

The dominating consideration in the forthcoming visit of the Russian leaders is whether they will be prepared to discuss seriously the major international problems of the day. If they intend only to deal with questions such as expanded East-West trade and freer cultural exchanges, the visit will hardly have been worth the trouble and expense. Sir Anthony Eden is not treating the occasion as a picnic or an "Auld lang syne" get-together. He wants to talk serious business and he is entitled to expect his guests to be like-minded.

MIDDLE EAST: AMERICA ACTS

Security Council Called To Take Action DANGER WARNING

New York, Mar. 20. The United States tonight asked for a United Nations Security Council meeting "as soon as possible" on the Palestine situation.

The Council is expected to meet on Monday or Tuesday of next week.

The request for the meeting was made in a letter to the President of the Security Council, Sir Pierson Dixon, of Britain.

It expressed the United States Government's increasing concern over recent developments in the Palestine area "which may well endanger the maintenance of international peace and security."

DANGEROUS ROLE

The letter, signed by Mr. Henry Cabot Lodge, the chief United States delegate, asked that the Council consider the following agenda item: "The Palestine question; status of compliance given to the general armistice agreements and the resolutions of the Security Council adopted during the past year."

"The instances of firing across and otherwise violating the demarcation lines are recurring at a dangerous rate," Mr. Lodge wrote.

He recalled the efforts of the U.N. Chief of Staff in Palestine, Major-General E.L.M. Burns, to get agreement of Israel and the Arab states to proposals aimed at reducing tensions, and to three resolutions approved unanimously by the Security Council last March and September and on January 19 this year.

Mr. Lodge said it should be a matter of genuine concern to the Security Council members to "ascertain the extent of compliance" being given to the Council's resolutions.

DEEP CONCERN

"It is a matter of deep concern to the United States and it, therefore, requests urgent and early action by the Security Council to consider the situation now prevailing in the Palestine area," the letter added.

The United States decision to call a Council meeting followed weeks of intensive consultations with representatives of Britain and France and other Western powers on the Security Council.

These consultations culminated today in a meeting with Mr. Dag Hammarskjöld, the United Nations Secretary-General, representing Britain at this meeting was Sir Pierson Dixon.

Mr. Lodge represented the United States and M. Pierre, Ordreanu represented France in the meeting.

MAKARIOS ONLY, SAY LEAFLETS

Nicosia, Mar. 20. The EOKA terrorist organisation declared in leaflets posted in the streets of Limassol tonight that no one in Cyprus had the right to represent the Cypriot people in negotiations with Britain.

"Such negotiations could be accepted by us and by the Cypriot people only if they take place between the Governor and the Archbishop, or are handled by the Greek Government along the lines laid down by Archbishop Makarios in recent negotiations," they said.

Meanwhile, the leaflets said, the fight would continue and "law and order will be restored only when Cyprus is Greek."

COSMIC RAY TB CURE

Singapore, Mar. 20. Unscrupulous medicine men in Singapore recently put a drug on the market which they claimed could cure tuberculosis by cosmic rays.

This was revealed today by Mr. A. J. Broga, Minister of Health. He said a lot of bogus new proprietary Chinese medicines were arriving from Hong Kong.

He said a law to protect the public from unscrupulous and even dangerous "miracle" medicines would come into force shortly.

UK Theatres Refuse Queen's Tour Film

London, Mar. 20. Three of Britain's biggest cinema groups today refused to show a film of the Queen's tour of Nigeria. They said the film, made by the Federal Information Service of Nigeria, lacked public interest.

The only company to order the film was an American one. The three companies that turned it down—Odeon, Gaumont and ABC—control 1,100 cinemas through Britain.

The Queen has not yet seen the film. But she will see it later, in her private theatre in Buckingham Palace.

Not Timely

The one-hour colour film is called "Nigeria Greets Her Queen." The three companies said the film was "too long and not timely."

The British press immediately protested. The Daily Telegraph said, "It seems a pity that the British public should not have a greater opportunity of seeing another example of the arduous tasks which the Queen performs."

One paper said it had been rejected in favour of "Crime Against Joe" and "When Gangland Strikes."—United Press.

RED GUNBOATS SHELL ISLANDS

Taipei, Mar. 20. Five "large size" Communist gunboats "attempted to invade" Kaohsiung island, in the Matsu group, off the Chinese mainland, the Matsu garrison command headquarters said in a communique tonight.

The gunboats pounded the island with 15 salvos. A 62-minute duel ensued when Nationalist positions opened up in retaliation. Communist guns from Huangchi and Fengchuan also joined in.

The communique said that the Communist gunboats were beaten off and retreated towards the mainland. Neither damage nor casualties were mentioned.

Communist Chinese artillery on Tatung Island broke a 10 day lull yesterday to shell Nationalist positions on Quemoy Island, the Nationalist Defence Ministry reported today.

It said the Communist guns fired 45 rounds into Quemoy from Tatung, which is about four miles north of Quemoy. The shelling was said to have lasted only 20 minutes. No damage was reported.

The last Communist shelling of Nationalist positions took place on March 10.—France-Press.

Malenkov And The Wind Do A Good Deed For Debs

London, Mar. 20. Glamorous debutantes, preening themselves in readiness for this week's Royal presentation parties at Buckingham Palace are rushing to get the latest in hair creations—the Malenkov fringe.

The style was born last Thursday night. Bond Street coiffeur Henry Da Costa saw a newspaper photograph of Mr. Georgi Malenkov, former Soviet Premier, standing on the windswept tarmac of London airport.

He had just arrived at the head of a Russian delegation on a three-week tour of British power houses. Curling gently over the Soviet leader's right eyebrow was an attractive, wayward fringe. "When I saw it," Da Costa said, "I just couldn't resist it."

It was so different from other fringes and was just what we were looking for to go with the slightly longer hair style with a cascade of curls at the back.

"Of course, it is quite accidental, but when Mr. Malenkov puts his hat on it presses down the fringe and sets it in place."

Now, Mayfair debutantes, busy with their hairdos for this week's Royal presentation parties, are coming to Mr. Da Costa's salon for that final touch of well-groomed elegance—a Malenkov fringe—with a few strands of hair.

DULLES' STATEMENT ON GOA 'DEEPLY RESENTED' BY INDIA

New Delhi, Mar. 20. The Indian Prime Minister, Mr. Nehru, said today the joint statement issued last December by Mr. John Foster Dulles, United States Secretary of State, and Senhor Paulo Cunha, Portuguese Foreign Minister, which referred to Portuguese provinces in the Far East, had caused a deep feeling of resentment throughout India.

It could only have one effect—"to give encouragement to Portugal in pursuing a policy which represents the worst type of colonialism."

Mr. Nehru was speaking to the House of the People, India's lower house, where he tabled today the notes exchanged between India and the United States on the Dulles' statement.

The statement aroused criticism at the time in leading Indian newspapers, which described it as a "calculated affront" to India's claim for Goa, the Portuguese enclave in India.

Mr. Nehru told the House of the People today: "In no circumstances will we tolerate the continuance of the last remnants of Portuguese colonialism on India's soil."

"We have been patient and we shall continue to be so, but there will be no compromise on this issue."

Reference has been made to the exchange of notes between India and the United States. But their precise terms had not been made public until today.

CONTENTS OF NOTES

The first note sent by India to the United States on December 13 said "this new development in United States policy has aroused much feeling and bitterness in India. The resulting situation is one which, if not fully and immediately corrected, would have grave and far-reaching effects on relations between India and the United States."

The United States reply, of December 27, said the joint Dulles-Cunha statement "did not purport to deal in any way with 'differences of opinion' between India and Portugal over Goa. It was directed at 'emotionally charged utterances' of the Soviet leaders, which in the view of the United States Government did not contribute towards peace."

A reply from India on January 17 said India had failed to obtain satisfactory clarification or assurance from the United States government and expressed deep regret that "the United States should have taken a position without warrant in a matter of such vital concern to India."—Reuter.

'Down With Britain' Party Wins Again

Belize, British Honduras, Mar. 20.

The People's United Party (P.U.P.) swept into power in the Belize Municipal Council in yesterday's elections, winning six of the nine seats.

One of the successful candidates, Mr. George Price, P.U.P. Secretary, told a crowd of 3,000 at a rally that carried through the early hours of this morning: "This victory is a clear indication of the people's resolution to wipe out the evils of the British colonial system."

The P.U.P. now controls both the National Legislature and the Belize Municipal Council in this central American colony.—Reuter.

COMPATIBILITY AND CORPSES

London, Mar. 20. A pretty London secretary who has spent 10 years helping Britain's leading police pathologist as he examines the mutilated bodies of murder victims, is to marry her boss, Dr. Keith Simpson.

Miss Jean Anderson Scott Dunn, 35, has travelled the country with Dr. Simpson in his investigations and has been "in" on all the major murder cases. She took notes of Dr. Simpson's investigations of the case of mass-killer John Christie, who murdered four women, one his wife, and battered them up in his London flat.

Usually the only woman in a crowd of hardened police officers and detectives, she was also present in a factory yard where acid-bath murderer John Hinch disposed of several victims.

Dr. Simpson is an internationally known authority on forensic medicine and scientific criminology. His first wife died leaving a son and two 17-year-old daughters.—China Mail Special.

FRENCH NORTH AFRICA LATEST

War

NEW BID TO CRUSH REBELS

Algiers, Mar. 20. Four French ministers held a council of war today on measures to stamp out the spreading armed rebellion while raising the standard of living of Algeria's nine million Moslems.

The ministers were M. Robert Lacoste, residing Minister in Algiers who wields new special powers making him the virtual dictator of Algeria, M. Maurice Bourges-Maunoury, Defence Minister, Max Lejeune, the Army Secretary, and M. Marcel Champetier, Interior Secretary in charge of Algerian affairs.

In the first use of his new powers, M. Lacoste has imposed stern restrictions on travel into Algeria in a bid to stop rebel recruiting among the 300,000 North Africans working in France. With few exceptions, all persons entering the territory must obtain permission beforehand.

REBEL THREATS

French officials said many of the Moslems were acting under rebel threats that their families in Algeria would be murdered if they refused to return.

Last month, 8,500 Moslems left France for Algeria; compared to 4,217 in February a year ago.

At least 19 outlaws were reported killed by French forces today in widespread operations against rebel bands.—Reuter.

—And Peace

INDEPENDENCE CELEBRATIONS

Tunis, Mar. 20. Two hundred thousand Tunisians poured into the streets of Tunis tonight in a frenzy of joy at their newly won independence, granted in a protocol signed in Paris this afternoon.

At six o'clock exactly, hundreds of drivers sounded their car horns to salute the nation's new status, and thousands of red and white light bulbs strung along the streets of the Moslem quarter were switched on.

Open-air concerts were organised immediately, with hand-clapping crowds—collecting amateur singers bellowing out hymns to Tunisian National leaders.—Reuter.

Aldous Huxley Weds Violinist

Yuma, Arizona, Mar. 20. The British novelist, Mr. Aldous Huxley, was married here yesterday to Miss Laura Pacheco, an Italian concert violinist.

Mr. Huxley, 61, who has been married once before, and Miss Pacheco, 41, dated their homes as Los Angeles. She is 40 years old.—China Mail Special.

Big Snow Storm Killed 141

New York, Mar. 20.

New York today began digging its way out of the deep snow of two blizzards which hit the city yesterday and then raged northwards, leaving a trail of death and damage in 14 states.

A state of emergency was declared in some of the snow-bound states of the New England coast.

The great storm, the worst in a century, is estimated to have caused at least 141 deaths in 11 states.

Today, the first day of spring, snowploughs were in action in the streets of New York and its suburbs clearing the 16 inches of snow left by the blizzards. Schools were closed.

The United States Weather Bureau in Washington today announced it would conduct an enquiry into the failure of the New York bureau to predict the blizzard.

The New York Weather Bureau had predicted that the storm roaring up from West Virginia would deposit only two inches of snow on the city.—Reuter.

THIS ENGLAND

London, Mar. 20.

A "This England" week starting on St. George's day, April 23, in which shop fronts in Piccadilly and St. James's will be decorated with work by old masters and contemporary artists, is being planned by the Royal Society of St. George.—China Mail Special.

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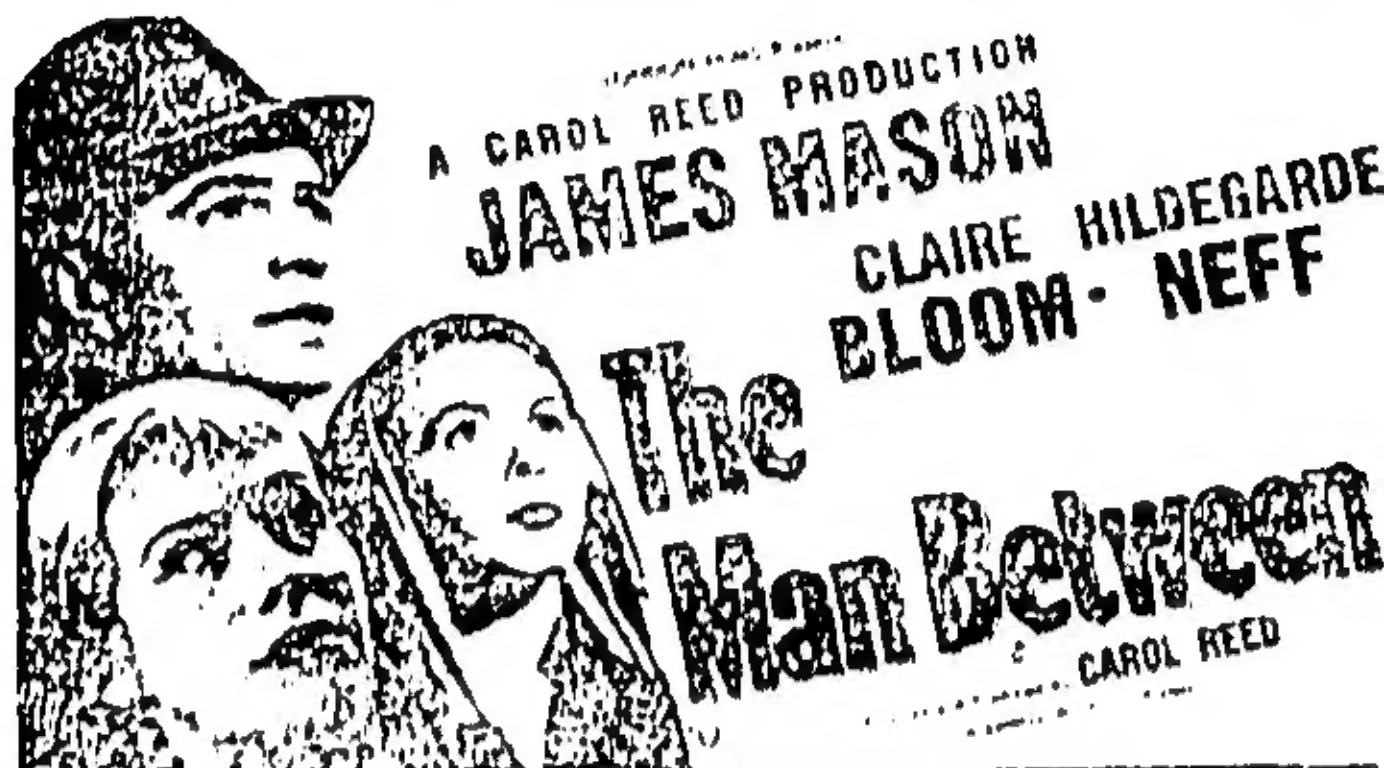
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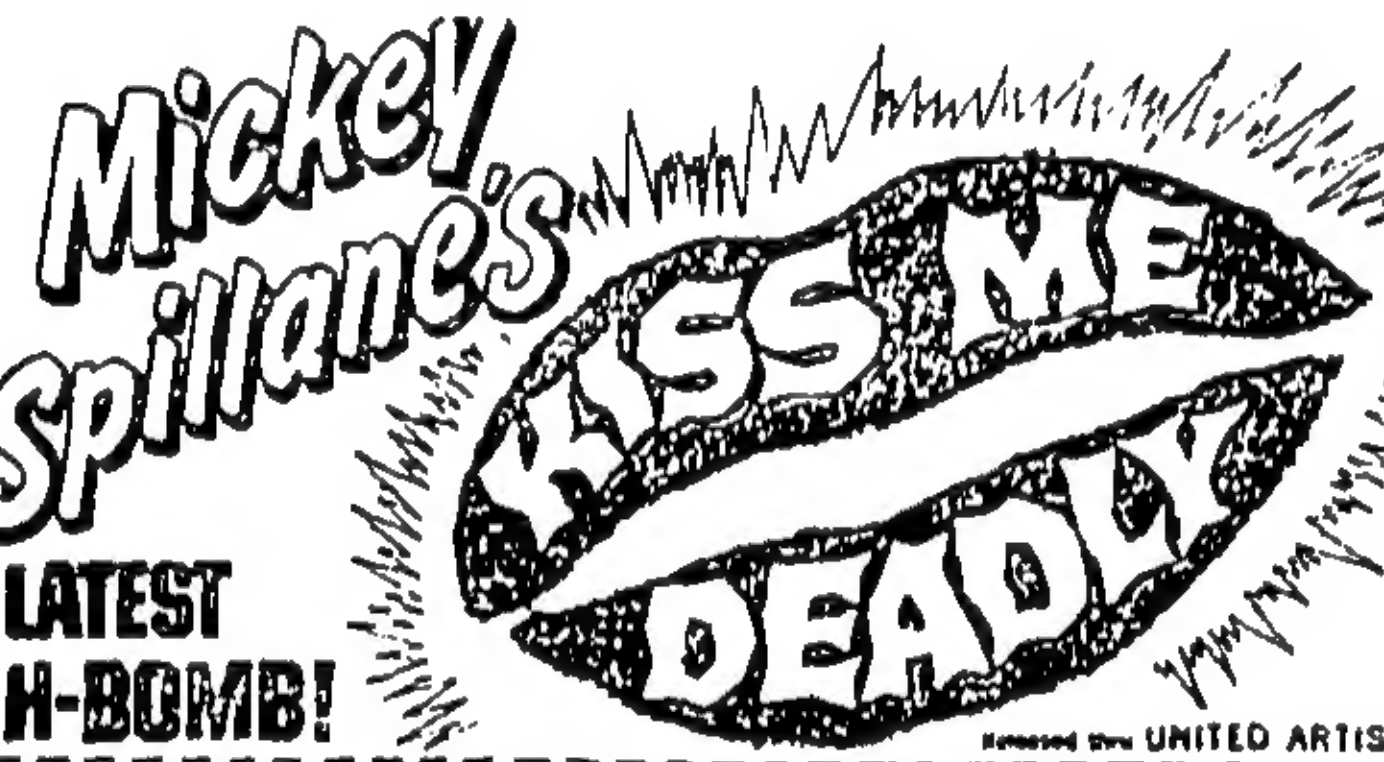
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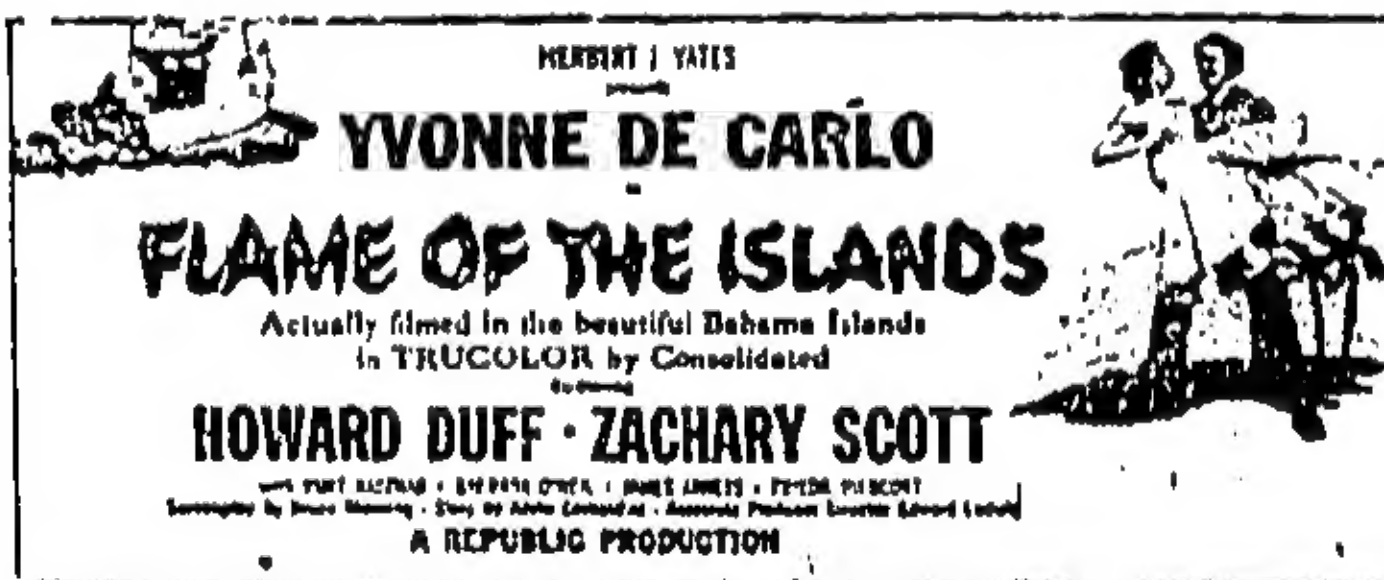
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EAST GERMANY REMOVES STATUES OF STALIN

Berlin, Mar. 20.

East Germany has begun removing its statues of Stalin, in conformity with the new Soviet line in playing down the role of the former Premier.

The plaster cast of Stalin in the Soviet pavilion at the Leipzig Fair has already vanished, it was reported here tonight, and statues all over East Germany are doomed to disappear.

East German Communists will be officially informed of the Soviet inspired policy of condemning the cult of the individual when the Communist Party holds its conference in Berlin on Saturday.

Secret Report

It is expected that the famous Stalin highway in East Berlin will be renamed, and Stalinized the "first Socialist town in Germany" will probably also change its name.

First intimation of the Soviet Government's changed attitude to Stalin came in a secret report made to the Soviet Communist Party's 20th Congress last month by the Party First Secretary, Mr. Nikita Khrushchev.

It has been hinted that the new drive against personality cults will affect East German Communist leaders. Walter Ulbricht, Wilhelm Pieck and Otto Grotewohl, who will probably be far more subject to control by the Communist Party.

Training Manual

It has been announced that Herr Ulbricht's "History of the German Workers Movement", which contained several passages glorifying Stalin, will appear in a corrected edition.

Stalin's works and biography have been withdrawn from circulation and a rushed edition of Lenin's works has been ordered by the East German Communist Party's executive as a training manual for young Communists.—France-Press.

LETTER SENT TO PARTY GROUPS

Moscow, Mar. 20. A letter from the Central Committee of the Soviet Communist Party has been sent to party groups to inform them of the attack on Stalin by Mr. Nikita Khrushchev, usually reliable sources said here today.

The sources said the letter, signed by Mr. Khrushchev, the party head, and Marshal Nikolai Bulganin, the Soviet Prime Minister, was being read to Communist Party groups.

It takes two-and-a-half hours to read and summarize Mr. Khrushchev's speech at the party congress in which Stalin and his "cult of personality" were denounced.

Probably Delayed

Communist sources said such "open" meetings for reading of the speech were being held at many offices, factories and other places of work. One was held today at the Bolshoi Theatre in Moscow for ballerinas, musicians and stage hands.

The sources said publication of Mr. Khrushchev's speech would probably be delayed until workers throughout the country had been informed of its contents at such meetings.

Meanwhile, those Russians who have not yet heard the summary are still bewildered by rumors of what Mr. Khrushchev was reported to have said.

Many people are worried about what they are to tell their children who have been brought up to believe in Stalin as some-

one vested with almost supernatural powers.

Diplomatic observers here were wondering about the present whereabouts of Mr. Khrushchev. They noted there had been no report of his return to Moscow after attending the funeral in Warsaw last Friday of Mr. Zolotow Bicut, Polish Communist leader.

Reactions

Diplomats said Mr. Khrushchev may have stayed in Warsaw or else is travelling within the Soviet Union to get first-hand reports on the public reaction to his speech.—Reuter.

HEAD MISSING

Kampala, Mar. 20. Police searched today for the head of a Sikh bus proprietor, Arjan Singh, whose headless body was found yesterday under some bushes near the road. Arjan's business partner, Nirva Singh, 30, has been charged with murdering Arjan, who disappeared on March 15.—United Press.

'Untouchables' Given Free Shaves

New Delhi, Mar. 20. High caste New Delhi barbers gave free shaves to "untouchables" for a week to launch a campaign to end caste discrimination.

Dropping age-old traditions, they announced that they would give shaves or haircuts to customers of any caste, and issued an appeal to barbers all over India to follow their example.

Until recently, the "untouchables"—whom Mahatma Gandhi rechristened Harijans (God's People)—could only go to barbers of their own community for attention.—China Mail Special.

POW List Handed To Russians

Moscow, Mar. 20. Dr. Wilhelm Haas, West German Ambassador, today handed to the Soviet Government a list of about 1,000 names of German war prisoners still believed to be in Russia.

The list was prepared by the West German Foreign Ministry and submitted in accordance with an agreement reached in Moscow last September between Marshal Nikolai Bulganin, Soviet Premier, and Dr. Konrad Adenauer, West German Chancellor.—Reuter.

Franco-Tunisian Protocol: Act Of Confidence

Paris, Mar. 20.

FRENCH Foreign Minister Christian Pineau said today that the signature of the Franco-Tunisian protocol was "essentially an act of confidence."

In a statement to Agence France-Press after the signing ceremony, M. Pineau added: "It should make international opinion understand that any idea of colonialism is definitely abolished from the French mind. It is our duty to safeguard the populations of French origin."



Skipper, an albatross dog owned by Mr. Harry Jackson of Bristol, is being groomed by Mr. Jackson's four-year-old granddaughter Elizabeth Justice for an important engagement last week. He demonstrated to the Chief Constable of Bristol, Mr. Norman Frost, how albatrosses can help the police. Ever since 1935 Mr. Jackson has been trying to interest the police in the value of the dogs in preventing crime and apprehending criminals.—Reuterphoto.

India's Report On Border Incident

New Delhi, Mar. 20.

An Indian Government report issued in New Delhi today on the incidents which occurred at Hussaini on the Indo-Pakistan frontier, claimed that Pakistani troops were the first to open fire, at 9.30 p.m. (local time) on March 18.

The report gave no information concerning casualties. Indian newspapers had alleged that one Indian soldier was killed and ten others wounded, while Pakistani press reports had said that ten Pakistani soldiers lost their lives.

The report said the scene of the incident had been recognized as Indian territory at a party between the two commands in 1950.

Protect Workers

But when on March 5 this year, an Indian general informed the Pakistani authorities of India's intention to carry out the repair of a broken dyke in the area, the Pakistanis protested that the area constituted Pakistani territory.

On March 17 Pakistani police, armed with automatic weapons, moved up and threatened the Indian workers. Indian soldiers were then moved up to protect the dyke workers.

Both Pakistani police and Indian soldiers withdrew on the morning of March 18, and a meeting was held between officers of the two forces.

But the same day, Pakistani soldiers opened fire on the Indian soldiers from three mortars and automatic weapons.

The Indian troops returned the fire, but "were dominated by the adversary, who occupied part of the dyke," said the report.

The Pakistani force asked for a ceasefire, which was ordered by the Indian command at a quarter to midnight.

The Indian Government report said that Pakistani troops continued, however, to fire and did not give the order to ceasefire until a quarter past two o'clock on March 19. Even so, scattered shots continued till dawn.

Withdrew

On the morning of March 19, the Pakistani soldiers withdrew to between 500 and 600 yards from the frontier, but continued to fire. They opened up with mortar and automatic fire again at 7 a.m.

A further ceasefire was agreed upon and enforced at 11 a.m. Since then, there had been no further firing.—France-Press.

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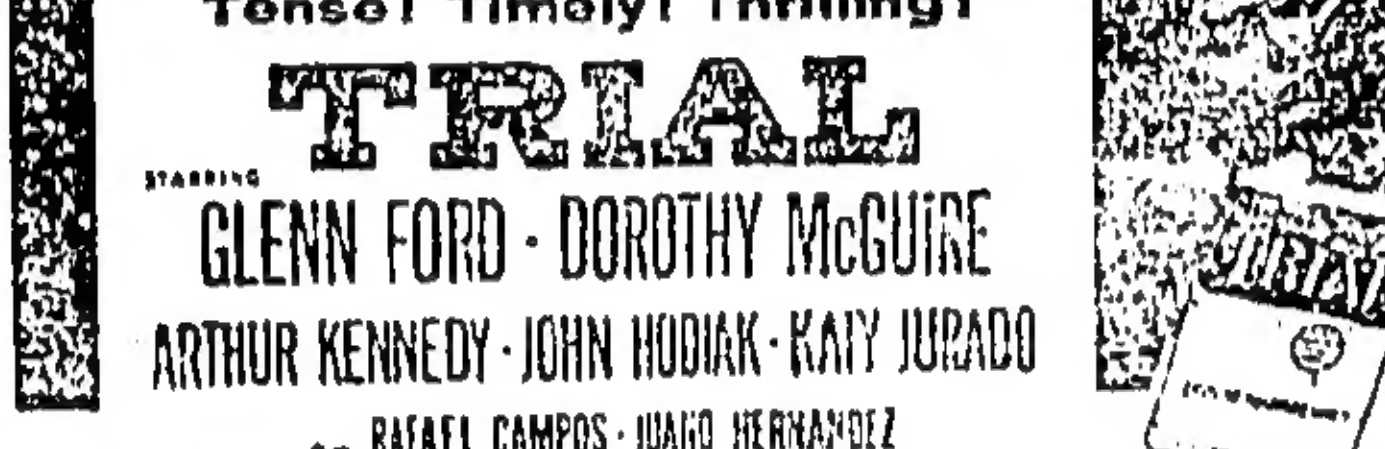
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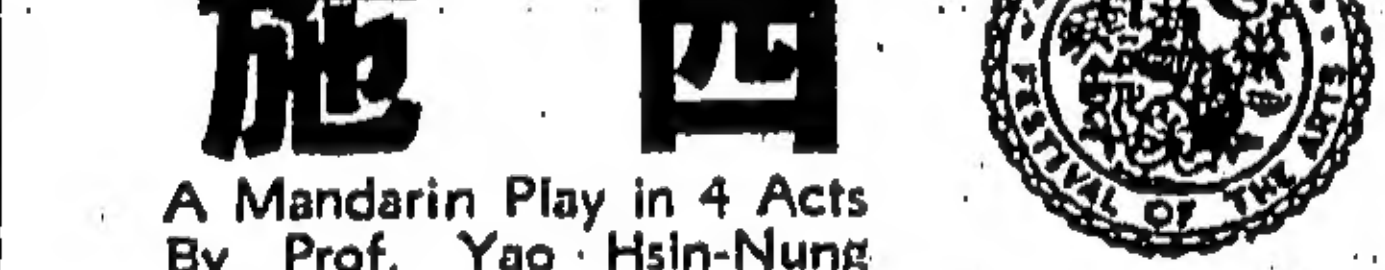
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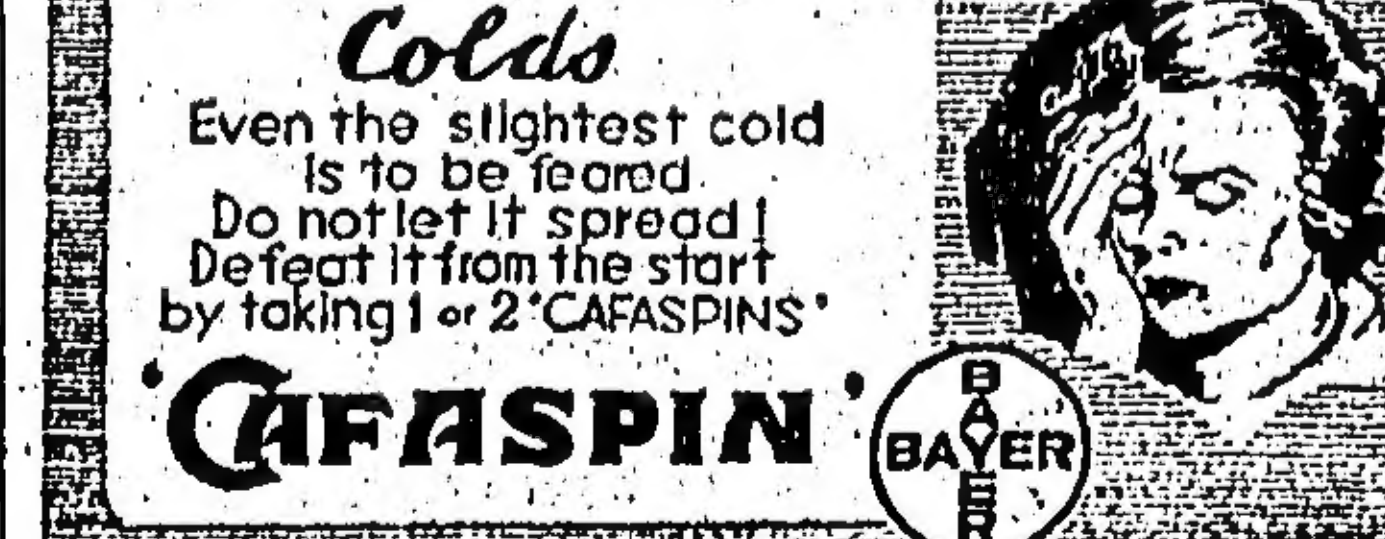
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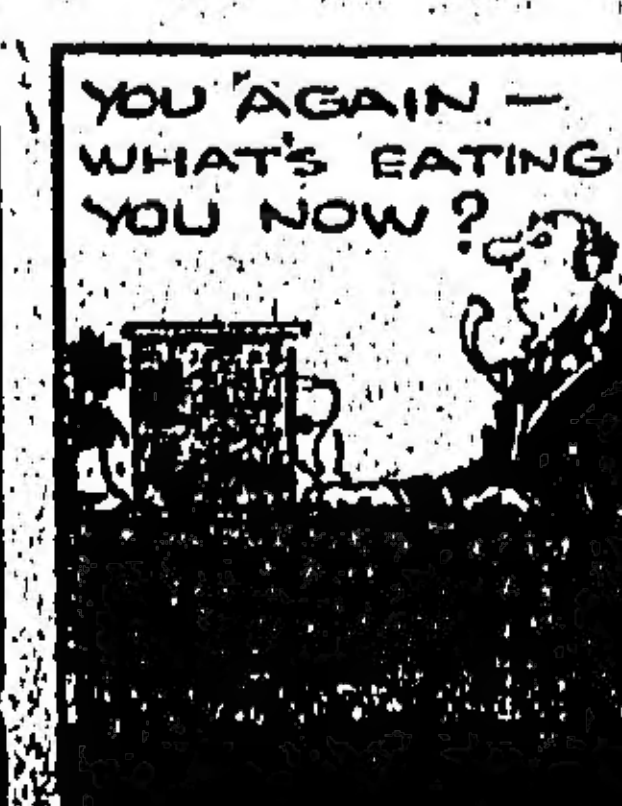
Questioned about the forthcoming visit of the Sultan of Morocco to Madrid, Pineau said the French Government had no objection to the trip. He said it was within the framework of Moroccan unity which France had recognised.—France-Press.

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Queen Mother Has Tea
With Envoys In Paris

Gromyko Studying Anglo-French Disarmament Plan

By Stanley Priddle

London, Mar. 20.

Western disarmament experts are hoping to hear Russia's comment tomorrow on a new, three-stage Anglo-French plan for world disarmament.

M. Jules Moch, the French delegate to the Five-Nation Disarmament Sub-committee of the United Nations, tabled the scheme when the group resumed negotiations here yesterday.

Mr. Andrei Gromyko of Russia said he would "consider" the plan and asked for time to study it.

The five nations taking part in this latest attempt to break the years of East-West deadlock over disarmament are Britain, France, the United States, Canada, and Russia. They meet formally again tomorrow.

Mr. Harold Stassen, the American delegate, felt that the suggestion that a feasible plan existed for ultimately ridding the world of the threat of atomic warfare was misleading to world opinion.

A start should be made through "pilot" projects and reductions in conventional armaments.

Eventual Abolition

Only when these had been shown to be operating successfully and under a foolproof system of control should consideration be given to the eventual abolition of atomic weapons.—China Mail Special.

Suit Against Onassis Dismissed

Paris, Mar. 20.

A judge here today dismissed charges brought against Greek-born shipping magnate Aristotle Onassis for allegedly signing a big shipping contract with disappearing ink.

The charges were brought in November, 1954 by another Greek shipping magnate, Spyridon Catapodis, who claimed that Onassis had thus swindled him in a big deal on Saudi Arabian oil.

Catapodis said he agreed to procure for Onassis a monopoly on the transport of Saudi Arabian oil. Onassis in turn was to give Catapodis a commission of some \$570,000, two per cent on the gross tonnage of oil hauled and shares in an Onassis company.

Catapodis said Onassis's signature on the typewritten contract gradually faded away leaving him with a "useless scrap of paper."

The presiding judge dismissed the case because of insufficient evidence.—France-Press.

Prevent Production

Unlike the Anglo-French scheme of 1954, the new plan did not suggest ceiling figures which should be imposed on the strength of the forces of the big powers. The United States objected to inclusion of such limits.

The sources said the Anglo-French proposals tabled yesterday might recognise the technical impossibility of detecting stocks of nuclear weapons at present, and concentrated, in the final phase on preventing further production and prohibiting tests.

American sources said today the United States continued to

Written Novel

De Galindez went to the Dominican Republic after fleeing Spain where he was reported to have tutored two of Generalissimo Rafael Trujillo's children.

Friends of the professor said he had written a novel on the Trujillo regime which was reported to be in the hands of the publishers.—United Press.

INTERNATIONAL PLOT?

Spanish Professor Disappears

New York, Mar. 20.

Police feared today that an anti-Franco, anti-Communist professor who fled from Spain during the Spanish Civil War was a victim of an international cloak-and-dagger plot.

Prof. Jesus de Galindez, 42, an instructor in international law at Columbia University and political columnist for a Spanish language paper, left his Fifth Avenue home in good spirits a week ago and disappeared.

Police believe that the professor, who received "many" telephone and mailed threats against his life, has been murdered or kidnapped by his political enemies.

Guarded Safely

De Galindez's secretary, Lydia Miranda, and Stanley Ross, editor of El Diario de Nueva York, reported the professor's disappearance last Saturday.

When police investigated his apartment they found his toothbrush, shaving articles and other personal belongings in their accustomed places.

But on a table, Miss Miranda reported, a portfolio, which had contained documents de Galindez had guarded safely, was empty.

Clemente Ruiz, an elevator operator, said the professor did

not carry luggage and made no mention of going on a trip when he was last seen leaving the apartment building.

De Galindez was an official for the Basque exiles. He was registered with the State Department as a foreign agent and was known to the Federal Bureau of Investigation.

Friends of the professor said he had many enemies and had lived in fear of his life in recent months.

Round-World Travel May Be Doubled

Washington, Mar. 20.

Round-the-world air traffic will reach a total of 30,000 passengers annually by 1960, double that of the present volume, if US flag airlines are allowed to compete effectively, Trans World Airlines claimed today.

In a brief filed with the Civil Aeronautics Board in Washington today TWA pointed out that round-the-world air travel has already doubled in the past four years.

Round-the-world air travel has jumped from approximately 6,000 annually in 1952 to nearly 15,000 a year currently.

TWA believes that this phenomenal increase in globe circling travel justifies a second round-the-world US air service, which it proposes to offer in conjunction with Northwest Airlines, the brief said.

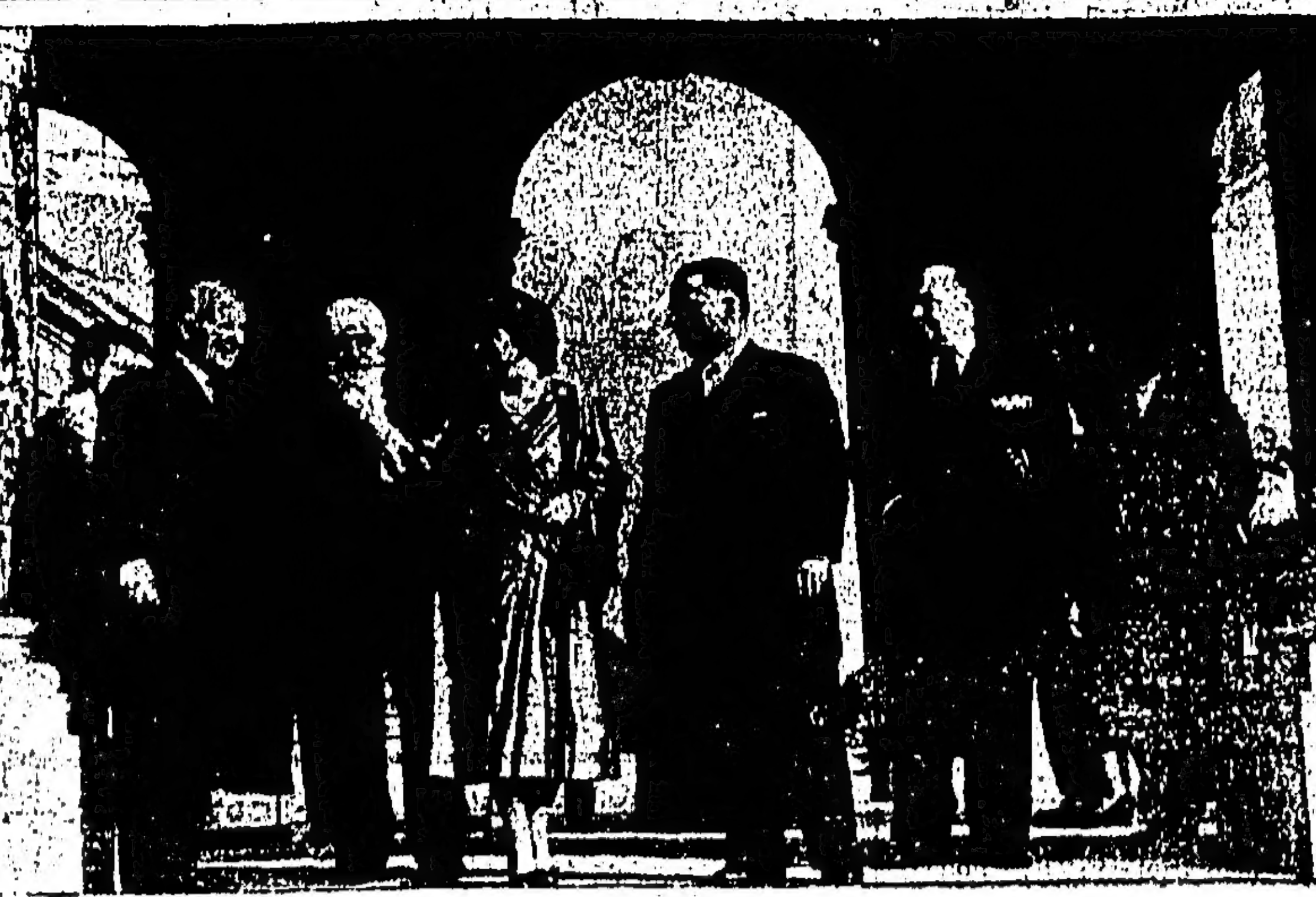
TWA seeks to extend its present trans-Atlantic and Far Eastern services beyond Bombay and Colombo to Manila, via Bangkok. At Manila, it would link with the Pacific services of Northwest, and thereby allow the two carriers to compete with Pan American, presently the only round-the-world U.S. airline.

Noting that more than 22,000 persons travelled by air between the United States and Manila in 1955, the TWA document pointed out that "for \$100 more than the cost of a New York-Manila round-trip, tourist ticket, these passengers could go on around the world."

US ENVOY TO AFGHANISTAN

Washington, Mar. 20.

President Eisenhower today appointed Mr. Sheldon Mills, the present United States Ambassador to Ecuador, to head the US Embassy in Afghanistan. He will succeed Mr. Angus Wap, who has tendered his resignation after 34 years in the US diplomatic service.—France-Press.



Britain's Queen Elizabeth the Queen Mother last week paid a semi-private three-day visit to Paris. Among her other activities she opened the Franco-Scottish exhibition at the Hotel de Rohan. She is pictured during a visit to the Grand Trianon where she attended a British Commonwealth tea party.—Express Photo.

Congratulations For Antarctic Leader

London, Mar. 20.

Britain's Secretary of State for Air, Mr. Nigel Birch, today radioed congratulations to Dr. Vivian Fuchs, leader of the British Trans-Antarctic expedition aboard the Canadian ship Theron.



DR VIVIAN FUCHS

The 829-ton Theron is due to dock in London on Friday after taking the advance party of the expedition to Vahsel Bay in Antarctica.

Eight men were left at the Antarctic base to prepare for the 1957 British expedition which will link up at the South Pole with a group led by Sir Edmund Hillary from Ross Bay.—Router.

TWO MEN BUY VILLAGE

Dijon, Mar. 20.

A butcher and a cattle dealer have become the new squire of Savrignes, a "ghost village" near here.

For an undisclosed price, butcher Louis Blandin, 55, and cattle dealer Anore Thenot, 44, have bought with their life savings a number of crumbling empty cottages, ten deserted farms, the village church and the local cafe.

"I have seven children," said M. Thenot. "I need somewhere for them when they grow up."

MOVED OUT

Fourteen people lived at Savrignes in 1914, but by 1921 the families had moved out to better lands leaving only a rich horse dealer, M. Eugene Dupiquier, the owner. He died in 1941 and his three sons and three daughters learned that they had inherited a "ghost village."

They put it up for sale last September. The price then asked was 12 million francs (£12,000).—Router.

BEANS GALORE

Auckland, Mar. 20.

A market gardener here claims a world record for his bumper bean crop of 24 tons per acre. He attributed his success to scientific methods and preparation of the soil with peat humus.—China Mail Special.

BEWARE OF NEW SOVIET

'SMILES' POLICY

By Joseph W. Grigg

Bonn, Mar. 20.

Chancellor Konrad Adenauer warned the West today to keep up its guard because the new Soviet "smiles" policy has not eased the tensions of the cold war.

He said that only if the free nations of the West remain united and stable in their alliances will the Soviets finally permit an East-West settlement.

To help maintain that unity and stability, Dr. Adenauer pledged that the Bonn republic would carry out its promise to have a 12-division, 600,000-man German armed force ready to take its place in the NATO alliance within three years as scheduled.

Chancellor Adenauer, who will leave on March 22 for a postponed vacation to Lugano, Switzerland, looked well and spoke with energy and emphasis, despite the long illness he suffered last autumn.

Expressing confidence that there is no serious danger of communism in West Germany, Dr. Adenauer was emphatic in warning the West not to let down its guard.

Stable Conditions

"Weaknesses of the free world encourage the Communists to maintain conditions of injustice," he said. "On the other hand, the maintenance of stable conditions in the countries of the free world discourages Soviet ambitions. If we can compel the Soviets to realize over a long period of time that the unity and stability of the free world cannot be shaken, they will be brought to seek with the free world real solutions for the causes of tension. For that reason, the stability of our affairs in the Federal Republic is of the greatest importance in the present situation."

Dr. Adenauer said he did not believe there was any greater danger now than there was a year ago of extremism in West Germany. But he warned that in view of threats from the East and Germany's own experience with Nazism, "it is the duty of all democratic forces always to be on their guard against extremism either of the Right or the Left."

On the question of a new Big Four conference, the Chancellor said:

"I think it particularly important for the great Powers, particularly the United States and the Soviet Union, to continue their exchange of views on the main international problems."

Speedy Rearmament

"However, we do not think the time has come yet for a new Four Power conference. The situation which caused the lack of results at Geneva last autumn has not changed so much yet that we can expect a more positive outcome from such a conference."

Underlining the need for speedy rearmament by Bonn, Dr. Adenauer said, "We realize the urgency of the question of Germany's ability to defend herself."—United Press.

Opening Harwell To Visitors

Harwell, Mar. 20.

Britain's atomic research establishment at Harwell is to be opened to certain visitors later this year to mark the 10th anniversary of its foundation. In 1946, it was announced today.

The United Kingdom Atomic Energy Authority, giving details of the "open days," said they would be held during the week ending June 2.

As a result of changes in security classification much of the work of the establishment is no longer subject to "hush hush" restrictions, and visitors will have more freedom to see a wider range of work than was possible until recently, the Atomic Energy Authority said.—Router.

Tiger Kills Prospectors

New Delhi, Mar. 20.

A tiger is holding up the work of locating iron ore deposits in Orissa by killing the prospectors. The Bureau of Mines has offered a reward of 500 rupees (£50) for destruction of the man-eater.

The tiger is reported to have claimed many lives in the area of Kalta camp in Orissa, where prospecting is being carried out for iron ore. The plant now being built with German co-operation at Kharakpur—China Mail Special.

Kiwis Declare 'War' On Bulbuls

Auckland, Mar. 20.

"War" has been declared here on the bulbul, an Asian bird about the size of a starling which causes havoc in orchards and gardens.

Although earlier efforts have been made to wipe out bulbuls reaching New Zealand, some are believed to be thriving in the Auckland district.

Agricultural experts have warned that unless they are destroyed immediately they are likely to penetrate to other parts of the country.—China Mail Special.

POLLING BRISK IN MINNESOTA

Minneapolis, Mar. 20.

Election officials reported fair to brisk early voting in Minnesota today as people went to the polls in ideal spring weather for the State's Presidential primary election.

It features a tussle between Mr. Adlai Stevenson and Senator Estes Kefauver (Democrat-Tennessee) as the Democratic choice for the national convention later in the year.

President Eisenhower is on the Republican list with Senator William Knowland (Republican-California), whose name was entered before Mr. Eisenhower announced that he intended to seek re-election.

Heavy voting was reported in metropolitan centres of Minnesota.

Election officials in St. Paul estimated that the vote there would reach nearly 95,000, an extremely heavy turnout.

STRONGEST

Mr. Stevenson was expected to be strongest in metropolitan centres.

In rural sections, the source of Mr. Kefauver's greatest strength, early voting ranged bright to fair.

It is the nation's second primary in this Presidential year, and the first in which Mr. Stevenson and Mr. Kefauver meet head-on.

In New Hampshire's primary last week Mr. Kefauver entered his name officially, but Mr. Stevenson did not.—Router.

A British Crossword Puzzle



ACROSS

- 3 Inlets (4).
- 7 Penitent (5).
- 8 Precedence alone (4).
- 9 Sense (4).
- 10 Liken (7).
- 12 Always (4).
- 15 Revise (5).
- 18 Accurate (4).
- 19 Fire-raising (5).
- 21 Land measures (5).
- 22 Extent (4).
- 23 Borders (5).
- 25 Moist (4).
- 26 Reposing (7).
- 30 Regretted (4).
- 31 Valley (4).
- 32 Avarice (5).
- 33 Measure of length (4).

DOWN

- 1 Punctuation mark (5).
- 2 Got ready (7).
- 4 Inexperienced (5).
- 5 Solitary (4).
- 6 Rescue (4).
- 9 Unfettered (4).
- 11 Divert (5).
- 13 Passport endorsement (4).
- 14 Cause (4).
- 15 Ventures (6).
- 17 Deposited (4).
- 18 Neat (4).
- 20 Put back (7).
- 22 Grow old (4).
- 24 Dismal (5).
- 25 Finished (5).
- 27 Highest point (4).
- 28 Victim (4).

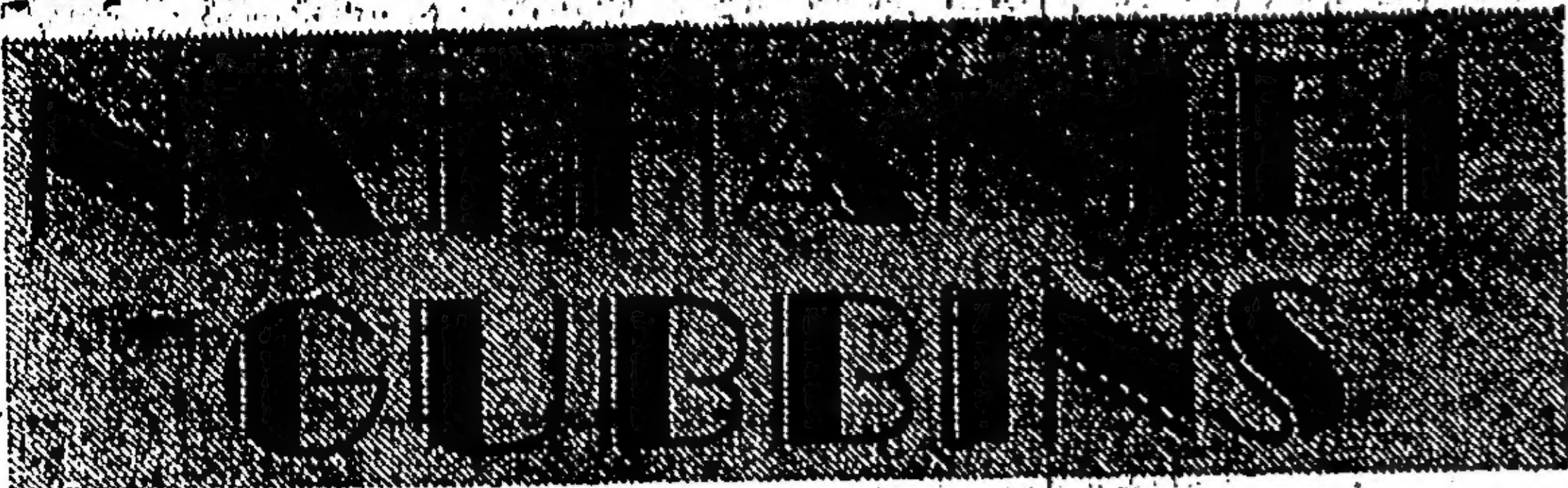
YESTERDAY'S CROSSWORD: Across: 1. Agreed, 7. Toll, 9. Lark, 10. Drama, 11. Gilt, 13. Adolescent, 15. Asia, 16. Code, 17. Estimating, 23. Toler, 24. Range, 25. Grown, 26. Rare, 27. Front, 28. Drama, 29. Guide, 30. Nurse, 31. Bedside, 32. Staircase, 33. Dial, 34. Omits, 35. Wrong, 36. Anger, 37. Lamented, 38. Debar, 39. Divert, 40. Argue, 41. Image, 42. Cry.

Tiger

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AS I live in East Kent, one of the coldest bits of England this year, it is not surprising that we ignore the news in the low taverns and talk of nothing but the weather.

We are all weather experts, too, as we sip and sniff at our hot rum, the chief expert being a man who believes in mind over matter.

Until you heard him you would never believe, for instance, that a tiny mind like yours could bring down rain, snow, start an east wind blowing, and ruin people's summer holidays. Or, to be more accurate, millions of tiny little minds like yours.

The expert quoted other experts like the late Sir Arthur Eddington, one of our greatest scientists, who said that we must attribute to the mind the power to tamper with atomic behaviour.

The argument was that, as the weather is just a lot of atoms (and so are you), your little mind and lots of other little minds worrying about things and nattering about this and that, fearing a hard winter or a wet summer long before it happens, can bring anything on the community, even an earthquake if enough people thought enough about earthquakes.

It was then that they consulted the tiniest mind in the country, which as you may have guessed, belongs to your Uncle Nat.

The tiniest mind said that belief in this theory involved the belief that mass thought could attract or repel rain or snow clouds.

Wish-weather

In other words, you must believe that if enough people take an optimistic view of the weather, rain clouds which are only waiting for us to start our summer holidays will turn back and drop their rain on somebody else.

And suppose nobody wanted the poor little rain clouds? They would have to wander round the world waiting for a bishop to pray for rain during a drought.

You must also believe, said the tiniest mind, that the Eskimos, by happy mass-think-

ing, could turn the North Pole into a semi-tropical paradise, and that people living on the Equator could wish icebergs on themselves, if they were silly enough to want icebergs.

The tiniest mind then, concentrated on the expert buying another round of rum, which he did.

Russian roulette?

WE then got on to the subject of weather and temperament.

We had noticed that everybody was getting either gloomy and irritable, or madly gay just like the characters in the 19th-century Russian dramas.

Did the Russians bring on mass thinking or did their weather make them what they are?

The expert, sticking to his theory, was inclined to think they brought their weather on themselves. He said they had always had bad winters and therefore they expected them. Therefore they got them.

You couldn't have 300,000,000 people thinking of snow and ice and blizzards without getting snow and ice and blizzards. Those in sunny climates expected sunshine, and got sunshine.

The tiniest mind disagreed with him, pointing out first that if you believed the advertisements sunshine was always expected on the Riviera in February. This year they got a foot of snow.

There was a poor little Italian postman who probably expected sunshine. And what happened to him? He was eaten by a pack of wolves.

So far as Russia was concerned, their vile weather had produced tyrants throughout their history, whether they were cossacks or commissars.

The result was that they were always in a state of resentment, planning revolutions, plots, and counter-plots, shooting each other, or if they couldn't find anybody to shoot, shooting themselves like the characters in the Russian plays.

In their misery they took to vodka as we were taking to rum. The east wind hit their livers, and, like all liverish people, they hated everybody.

This was a case of the weather having an effect on the mass mind, and if the frost went on much longer we should all hate each other, or ourselves, and probably end up by

buying revolvers and playing Russian roulette.

When he got home Old Moore Gubbins, the discredited astrologer, began to think it was one mind only that brought the snow.

Anyway, who was the first to tell you about this bad weather, and the bad news?

Who told you about the snow, the ice, the financial crisis, and the industrial troubles?

Who wrote on the first day of the New Year: "During January the weather will be horrible and will the news. During February the weather will be worse and so will the news?"

It was Old Moore Gubbins, who is not ashamed of blowing his own trumpet, as nobody else is likely to do it. Old Moore Gubbins, whose amazing predictions over the years would have helped statesmen to form judgments, prevented lesser prophets from misreading the future just before the war, and even persuaded architects to build water pipes inside new houses if they had not thought O.M.G. was trying to be funny.

O.M.G. gave constant warnings about Hitler and Mussolini when better-informed people were thinking they weren't such bad chaps after all considering they were foreigners.

He does not take much credit for his warnings in 1939 because then even a backward child could see war was inevitable.

Master mind

BUT he does take credit for observing that Hitler was a dangerous homicidal maniac years before Neville Chamberlain flew to Munich with his ridiculous umbrella.

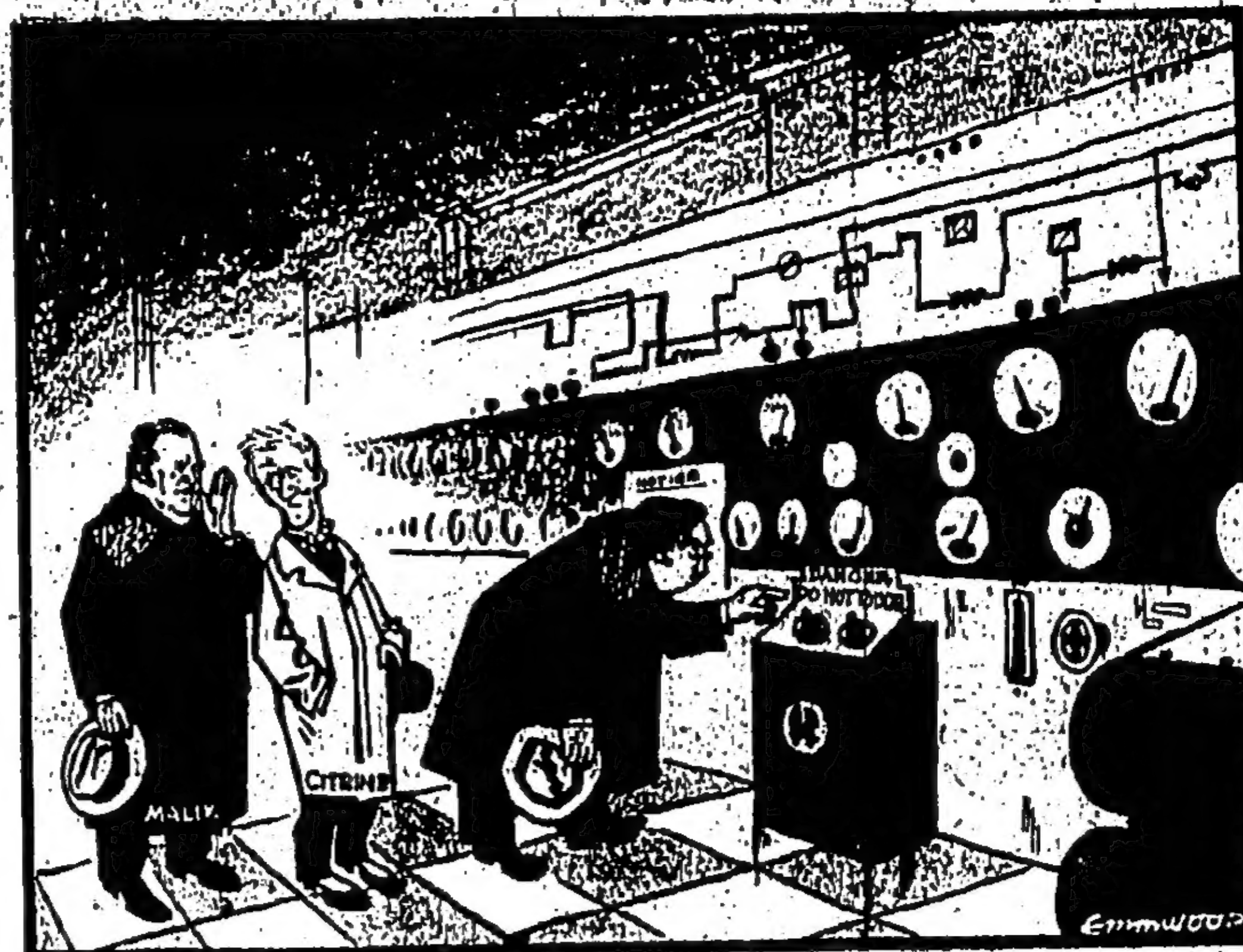
How does O.M.G. arrive at his astonishing conclusions?

So far as bad news is concerned, he finds prophecy simple. Ever since he was born he can remember hearing or reading much good news. Therefore, he sits down and thinks up the worst things that could happen. They usually do.

So far as bad weather is concerned, he finds prophecy equally simple because the weather here is usually bad.

It turns out to be good O.M.G., like many another prophet, hopes you will either forget his predictions or be kind enough not to remind him about them.

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"Don't say too much about power cuts—he's still a bit touchy."

London Express Service.

This is Eden's great chance to raise Britain's prestige and call Nasser's bluff . . . I SAY—

Send a warship through the Suez

London
If a public opinion poll were taken today, I have no doubt whatever that the stock of Sir Anthony Eden and his Government would stand many points higher than at 4.30 p.m. on Friday, March 9.

For what happened at 4.30 on that day?

A plane left Nicosia. The plane which trundled Archbishop Makarios out of Cyprus.

Wherever a handful of Socialist and Liberal politicians may say, that event has invigorated the whole country. Everywhere there is a feeling of utter thankfulness. Throughout Britain there surges a sense of relief.

At last, people are saying, we are getting tough. By summarily deporting this dangerous trouble-maker, at last we prove to the world that we are not afraid to act with vigour in defence of British interests.

As for Sir Anthony himself, the chorus of praise that goes up for him is a complete answer to his critics.

Who said he was hesitant? Who said he disliked taking decisions? Who said he was over-concerned with the delicate niceties of diplomacy?

Overnight he confounds those who levelled those accusations against him. At a moment of acute crisis he proves himself capable of swift and resolute action.

But why stop there? Sir Anthony's Government must improve the shining hour. They must take full advantage of the shock they have administered to the enemies and believers of British power throughout the Middle East.

Having set their hand to a tougher policy in that area, they must follow it through.

And quickly. Before the sensation caused by what has happened in Cyprus wears off.

THE NEXT STEP

WHAT, then, is the next step for Britain to take in the Middle East? Is there any region where Sir Anthony by a single bold act could raise up Britain's dwindling reputation, frustrate her enemies, and at the same time make the whole world safer for real peace?

I say there is such a region. The Suez Canal.

So I make this suggestion to Sir Anthony.

Let him follow up his get-tough line in Cyprus by forcing

a Halfa-bound oil-tanker through the Canal under the protection of a British destroyer.

That would expose Nasser's bluster and bluff. It would break Egypt's blockade of the Canal in a few hours. And no single action could do more to rebuild our lost Middle East prestige.

Look at the damage this blockade has done. Ever since 1943 the Egyptians have prevented the free passage of tankers to Israel. Thus they have done grievous harm to the Israelis with whom they are not now at war.

OUR LOSS

BUT of course Britain has suffered as well.

For who owns the great oil refineries at Haifa? We do. And we desperately need them working flat out to buttress our economy and the demands of a petrol-thirsty Empire. Yet now, because of Egypt, they are operating at only a fraction of their capacity. Now, thanks to Nasser, they stand almost idle.

Is this really to be allowed to continue until they collapse in rust and ruin? Is a vital British asset to be thrown away—just because a tiny Middle East dictator tells us to keep out?

Surely that is not the sort of bankrupt policy to appeal to Sir Anthony Eden. Surely nobody is more anxious than Sir Anthony himself to bring this preposterous situation to a summary end.

For remember what he said in the House of Commons on June 19, 1951, when the Socialists were in office:

"Would it not be worthy of consideration to send one of our tankers through the Suez Canal, under, if not an Allied, at any rate an effective escort?"

Sir Anthony was right to advocate that resolute step five years ago. He would be doubly right to take it now when our prestige and material assets in the Middle East are in much greater hazard.

But, of course all this is bound to raise howls from the never-never brigade.

The appeasers, the pussy-footers, will be piping up. They will cry, "Wee, wee." They will complain that what I am proposing is dangerous. They will warn that it is certain to bring war nearer in the Middle East.

But will it? How on earth can that be so?

Take their objections one by one in detail.

Consider first the legal position. Would the course I am supporting be unlawful? Let him follow up his get-tough line in Cyprus by forcing

heads the wrath of the United Nations? Certainly not.

Britain is entirely within her rights to insist on unimpeded passage for her tankers through the Suez Canal. Free transit for ships of all nations is safeguarded under the Constantinople Convention of 1863.

A PROTEST

THE Egyptian blockade not only blatantly infringes international law, in 1951 it brought down upon Egypt an open protest from the Security Council, which expressly asked Egypt to respect the rights laid down in the 1863 Convention without discriminating against traffic bound for Israel ports.

How, then, could the United Nations possibly disapprove if Britain took action to enforce those rights? On what basis could Nasser lodge an appeal with that body?

Next, the never-never boys will say: "Oh, but we mustn't do anything that might provoke the Russians. If we set tough, we might, some fine day, be lined up against them in a Middle East war."

That is a fantastic and fatuous argument. If the Soviet Union starts a war in the Middle East, they will have one anyway. Whatever action we take will make no difference.

But, in any event, there is no evidence at all that Moscow is plotting for a fight in the Middle East. The signs point overwhelmingly the other way.

So this objection is simply not worth considering.

Objection No. 3 is no more valid. If we send a

By NORMAN LINDHURST

BATTLE OF THE BULGE "HERO" IS POWERFUL

YOU may not remember Hasso von Manteuffel, but once you knew him well, for he was Germany's "hero" in the vicious "Battle of the Bulge."

Today Manteuffel is a powerful figure—far more powerful, in fact, than when he commanded the Fifth German Panzer Army in the famous battle. The only reason why you never hear of Manteuffel today is because he operates in the

shadows of the Bonn parliament.

Manteuffel has become the "grey eminence" of the new West German Wehrmacht, and his influence, for good or bad, may be decisive in the shaping of the new German armed forces.

Manteuffel was one of the ablest of the younger German generals to come out of the last war, and the new occupies a political position of increasing importance. Today, he is a Bundestag deputy and member of the Defence Committee in the Bundestag.

Manteuffel, a Free Democrat, booted the party last month to support Chancellor Adenauer. His old tank general's role in the surprise of all, has placed the full weight of his great prestige behind the Adenauer Government's plan to free the new German armed forces from the shackles of Russian militarism.

THEY LISTEN

Manteuffel, from the shadows, is calling on the old German officer corps to give unreserved support to the creation of democratically-controlled armed forces on the British pattern.

When Adenauer's Defence Minister, Theodor Blank, talks about the new "German citizen soldier," the old German generals laugh their heads off. But when von Manteuffel talks, they listen.

"The future German armed forces must recognise, unreservedly and from an inner conviction, the supremacy of political leadership," Manteuffel declares.

"Loyalty, alone, towards the State is not sufficient. Only they who acknowledge this principle and the fundamental role of the new political leadership should be allowed into the training and leadership cadres of the new armed forces."

Manteuffel is also speaking out on matters in the strictly military sphere. Here his ideas make sense to most military men. Allied as well as German.

First, Manteuffel argues that the new German armed forces must be tailored to a new warfare. He urges that conventional theories of military organisation be scrapped, and that the new West German Army be formed into small fast-moving, hard-striking divisions, able to move independent of road and rail networks.

SMALL UNITS

"These divisions should have no more than 10,000 to 12,000 men and not more than 200 tanks each," he believes.

"The extraordinary vulnerability of large groups of troops through air attack and atomic weapons makes it imperative that armies today consist of small units able to fight when cut off from their sources of supply."

Another of Manteuffel's theories is the creation of a mass national militia. He believes that the national German armed forces should be supported by a mass guerrilla movement, consisting of militia-type home defence units under the control of the State. Commanders responsible to the various State governments.

Manteuffel's militia would correspond to the Swiss defence principle of every citizen not in the armed forces being a member of the militia.

Manteuffel has wholeheartedly embraced the European policy of Adenauer. He argues that the fate of Germany is linked with that of Western Europe, and that the internal difficulties of one nation—France, for example—are of concern to all Western European nations.

WAR RECORD

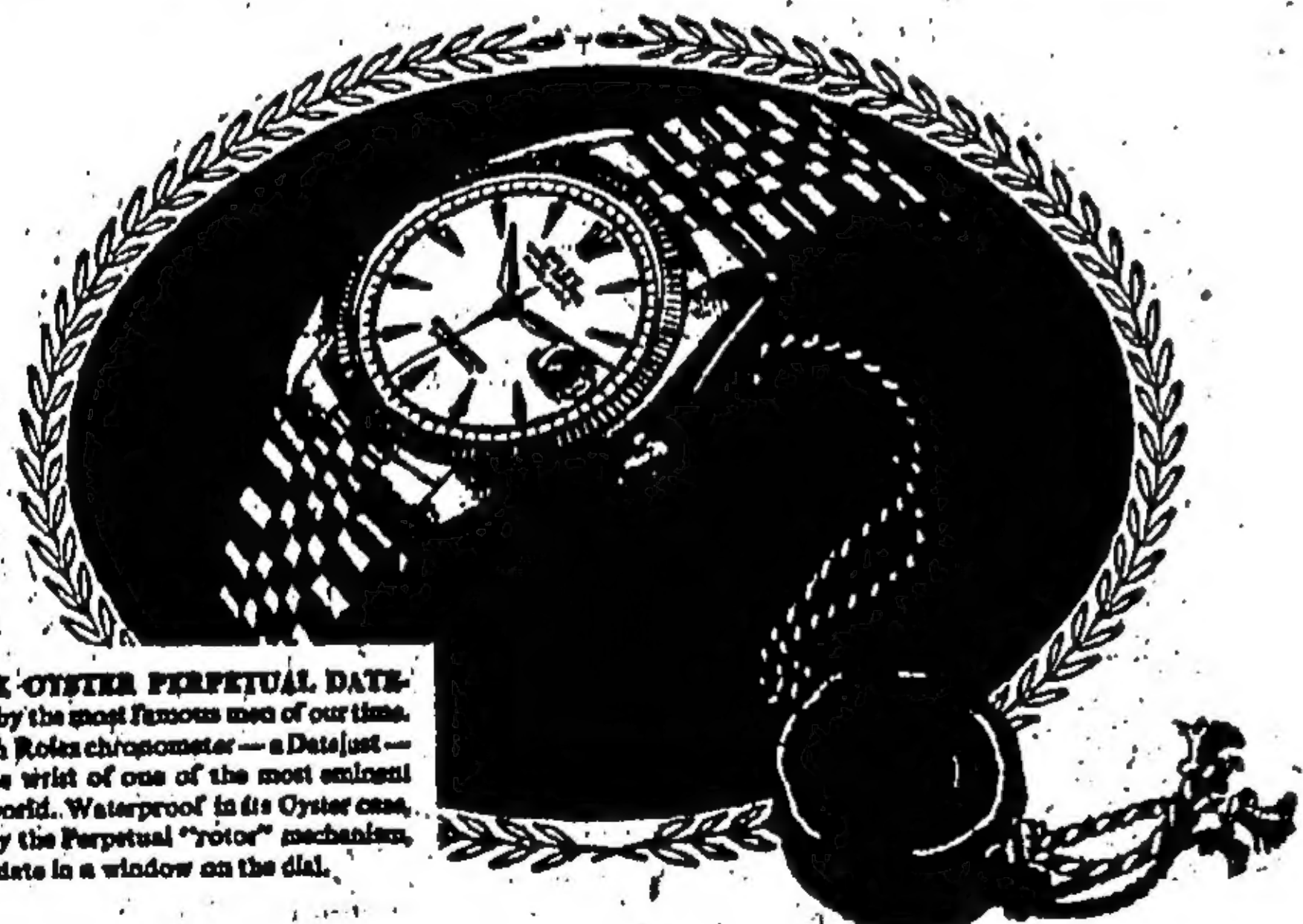
Manteuffel, whose father and grandfather were German officers in the Kaiser's Army, entered the old German Army in 1914 at the age of ten. Eight years later, in 1922, joined a cavalry regiment. He pursued a normal military career in the post-World War I Reichswehr.

Manteuffel, stationed in the cavalry to honour to 1935. In three World War Two years he advanced from lieutenant colonel to full general. During the war he was twice wounded, and after being pulled out of the Ardennes fighting against invading Soviet troops along the Oder River, he collected a brilliant war record, winning Germany's highest military decoration—the Knight's Cross with oak leaf awards and diamonds.

Such is the man who speaks for the old German officer corps in the new German Wehrmacht. Manteuffel's ideas may be decisive in the shaping of the new German armed forces.

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SATURDAY'S RUGGER INTERNATIONAL

PANIC-STRICKEN WALES MAY LOSE TO FRANCE

Says J. R. WATKINS

The 11-3 defeat by Ireland has driven the Welsh selectors to near-panic. That is the only conclusion I can draw from the side chosen to meet France at Cardiff on March 24. Five changes have been made — all in the pack, while the backs, who did not have a happy match at Dublin, are left alone.

Included in the front row is Rex Richards. He has never played there before, and is not happy in that position. But the selectors were determined to put him in. Pity, for Richards, promising though he is, has the added burden on his young shoulders of making his international debut in one of the most specialised positions in the scrum.

Unlucky discard is the tight head expert, Meredith who, with Stephens, was the best Welsh forward in Dublin.

But Jenkins, who was not a success as number eight, moves up to the second row to partner Stephens, and Robins returns to the side in his proper position in the middle of the back of the scrum.

The back row, in fact, looks sound. Williams is back to guard the blind side and the

swift-moving Whitson, the young Newport schoolmaster, gets his first cap. An enthusiastic, although comparatively inexperienced player, Whitson never gives up, and can give the outside half no end of trouble.

SOMEWHAT FORTUNATE

In the centre Brice must be regarded as somewhat fortunate to retain his place. Lack of speed in the centre was noticeable in Dublin and it is curious

that the selectors have not introduced some. Their all-out offensive on the pack has hardly been balanced by changes behind.

I honestly doubt the wisdom of the selectors' actions. I cannot help feeling they have not made the best use of the players available.

Certainly all Wales will be rooting for them at Cardiff, and hoping for a share in the championship. But this strange unbalanced side will have to pull out all the stops to win.

One honour is certain though. Ken Jones will establish a world record when he steps onto the pitch. He will have played in 43 internationals. So the veteran winger passes the previous best — 42 by G. V. Stephenson of Ireland.

The Welsh Team: G. Owen; K. J. Jones, H. Morgan, M. C. Thomas, C. L. Davies; C. Morgan, (capt), D. O. Brice; R. Prosser, B. V. Meredith, R. Richards, J. R. G. Stephens, L. Jenkins, C. D. Williams, R. Robins, G. Whitson.

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MCC Committee Issue Statement Concerning Peshawar Incident

London, Mar. 20.

Following a three-hour meeting at Lords today, the MCC Committee issued the following final statement concerning the "ragging" by the MCC "A" players of the Pakistani umpire Idris Begh, during the third unofficial Test at Peshawar.

"The MCC Committee have fully investigated the incident which occurred at Peshawar on the evening of February 26, 1956.

Santee Loses One Round

New York, Mar. 20.

The New York State Supreme Court tonight declined to continue a temporary court injunction staying the Amateur Athletic Union's suspension of Wes Santee, the Mile runner, for alleged professionalism.

Santee was suspended for life last month after the AAU investigated his expense account for athletic meetings in California.

Since then Santee, 24-year-old Marine Lieutenant, has been fighting a legal battle to have the AAU overruled in the courts.

After he had obtained a temporary injunction the Appellate Division rejected an AAU appeal against it. Santee later won a further stay until the Supreme Court hearing.

Today Mr. Louis Nizer, lawyer for the AAU, successfully submitted that the temporary injunction only applied up to today's hearing and not while the outcome was being decided by the court.

Thus, unless the court decides in Santee's favour by Saturday, he will be barred from running in the Chicago Daily News Games that day, for which he is entered. —Reuter.

"They condemned the treatment accorded to Mr. Idris Begh. The captain, who was present at the time, should have recognised at once that this 'ragging', although initiated by nothing more than high spirits and with no harmful intent whatsoever, might be regarded, as it was in many quarters, as an attack upon an umpire. The Committee are satisfied that this was not."

The statement went on:

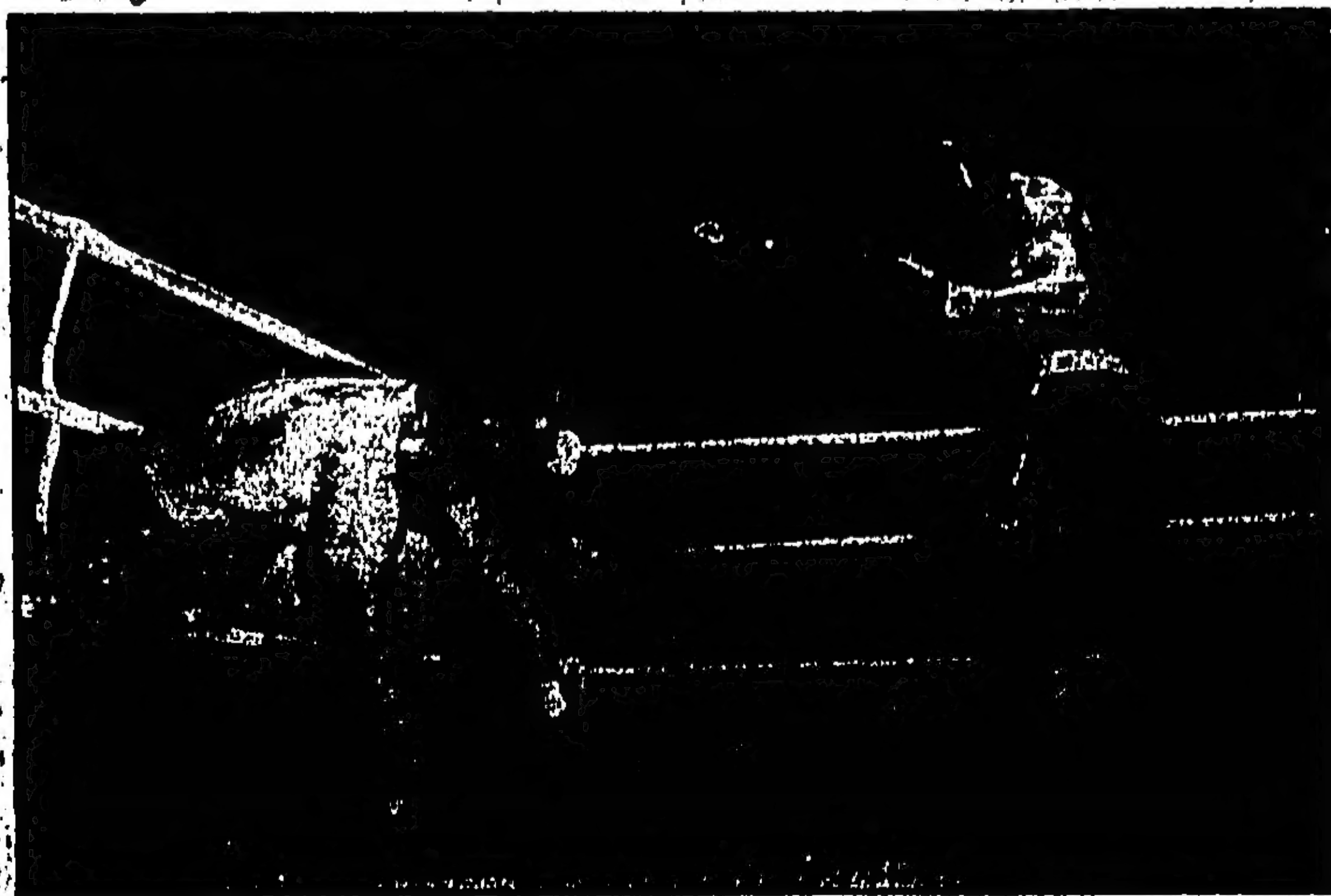
"The Committee consider that the responsibility for the incident rests entirely with the captain and he has been so informed. It is hoped that the publicity that has attended this affair may now be discontinued, both in the best interests of cricket relations between the two countries, and for the sake of a team of young cricketers who up to that time had proved themselves loyal, conscientious and well-mannered tourists."

"LAST WORDS"

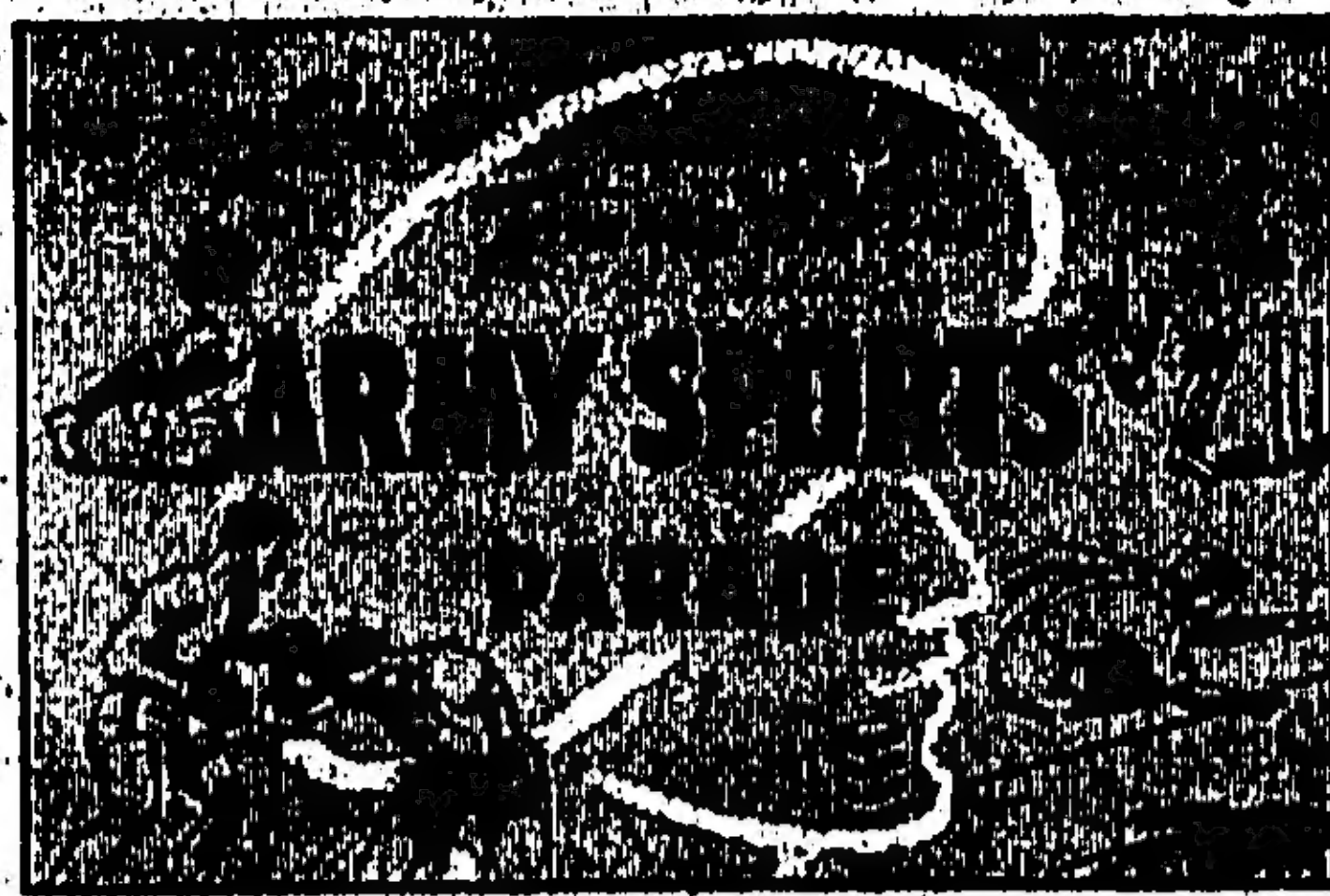
An MCC official described the statement as their "last words" on the incident which they now hoped to be able to consider as closed.

D. B. Carr, the amateur who captained the MCC team had previously indicated that he would have no comment to make on the MCC statement. The statement does not reveal whether or not the governing body of the sport in England has taken any disciplinary action against the offenders, as was expected. Neither does it make any reference to the swearing incident during the final Test match. —France-Press.

FINCH NEARS THE END OF HIS TETHER



A gallant, blood-spattered Albert Finch goes on one knee while an eager Ron Barton dances around in the sixth round of their fight for the British Heavyweight title at Harringay Arena, North London, on March 18. Finch recovered to pound Barton in this round, only to retire shortly afterwards with a badly cut eye, leaving the West Ham youngster as the new British Champion. —Reuterphoto.



The Spot of Honour at the Top of the Sports Parade this week is surely the Sappers' soccer spot. Welcome then to the footballers of the 24 Field Engineer Regiment, Royal Engineers, and congratulations to them on their overwhelming Caldbeck Cup victory over the North Staffordshire Regiment on the Police Ground at Boundary Street yesterday.

Right at the start of the season I said that there were many who thought that this might prove to be the Sappers' year. This could well be so and everyone in Army football circles in Hongkong will wish them the best of luck when they travel to Singapore to take part in the Far East final.

Their victory yesterday was all the more praiseworthy when it is realised that they went into this important game without centre-half Robson, their brilliant Army representative player. Robson's ankle injury looks like keeping him out of the game for some time and it is very doubtful if he will be fit for the big match at Singapore.

The Sappers had a most precarious journey to the final and after being forced into extra-time by the 11th Infantry Workshops REME, they found themselves two goals down with only three minutes left for play in their semi-final against 27 HAA Regt Royal Artillery. A late goal and a penalty kick in the dying seconds saved the situation, and a brilliant Smith goal in extra time saw them into the final.

NO MISTAKE

This time they made no mistake and, having survived a penalty kick in the opening minutes, they went on to out-play and outlast the North Staffs. It is a long time indeed since the League Champions were last on the wrong end of a six goals to nil defeat.

Congratulations to the Sappers. . . . Hongkong will be well represented at Singapore by this team.

Fencing takes the limelight with the Land Forces Team and Individual Championships now in progress at the Transil Camp in Chatham Road. The matches started yesterday and will be continued all day tomorrow.

The winners' team and three swordmen per weapon go forward to the FARELF Championships at Singapore on April 9, 10 and 11. The competitors are expected to leave the Colony on the Empire Power on April 4.

Over the week-end it was possible to hear constant praise being given to the organisers of the Land Forces Athletic Team Championships which were held on Friday and Saturday last week. From competitors and spectators alike and I report them merely as some tokens of appreciation for the fine work put in by the team of hardworking officials.

...and while on the subject of this meeting congratulations to the Essex Regiment for their success in the Major Units competition and to 6 COD for their victory in the Minor Unit tournament.

Once again we are able to report that the FARELF Basketball Trophy will find a year-long resting place in Hongkong on the residential scoreboard of 58 Coy RASC.

According to brief information just received from Singapore the standard of play in the final was even higher than it was last year and although the actual scores are not yet available we congratulate the members of the brilliant 58 Coy RASC team on winning this major Championship for the second successive year.

Three items of boxing news will provide interesting reading for those soldiers who favour the noble art and that is so even if the first item is not as good in a news sense as we had hoped.

The North Staffs boxing team was beaten in the final of the FARELF Team Boxing Championship at Singapore by 30 Bn RASC.

Polish Boxers Barred From Olympic Team

London, Mar. 20.

Seemon Stefanuk and Leszek Drogosz, Polish European amateur Bantamweight and Light-Weight Champions, were today barred from the National Olympic team from the Polish Boxing Federation, the Polish News Agency, RAP, reported.

The News Agency said the Federation took this step because of the boxers' "unjustified absence from the recent Polish Championships." —Reuter.

A DERBY DRAMA OF 28 YEARS AGO

What A Derby Scare As Owner Vanished Into Darkest Africa

By JOHN RICKMAN

It was one of those stories the public and Fleet Street love. The Derby was about to be run. Millions who normally took but a lukewarm interest in horse-racing were polishing up their Turf knowledge, when—oh, what utter bliss for news editors—they found that the owner of a fancied Derby horse was lost in darkest Africa.

The horse was Royal Minstrel, a grey; the owner, Captain George P. Gough, who had served in the Irish Guards; the trainer was Captain Cecil Boyd-Rochfort; the rider was Joe Childs—King George V's jockey; and the year was 1928.

Nobody in England had had news for months of Captain Gough. All his trainer could say was this:

"I have no idea where Captain Gough is. He departed for somewhere in Africa late in February without leaving an address. All he said at the time was that he hoped one of his coils would run in the Derby, and that is the last I have heard from him."

NOT WORRIED

The Newmarket trainer was not worrying. He was already used to absentee owners. Many were (and still are) his personal friends. But an absentee owner has advantages. He or she is much preferred to the interfering type who cannot keep away.

Cecil Boyd-Rochfort has never trained horses for this sort. Not for long, anyway. He has always liked a "free hand" and in most cases he has had it. So Cecil Boyd-Rochfort went on with his job. He would send the colt to Epsom to do his best. What was all the fuss about?

But even the trainer took more interest in the story when he remembered that if Captain Gough was killed in the jungle before the Derby was run his horse would not be eligible to take part and would be disqualified if he won. (Not long after this the rule was changed.)

Bookmakers and backers were in a quandary. Royal Minstrel had only been beaten a head in the season's first handicap, the Two Thousand Guineas, so many people fancied him for the Derby.

Then Captain Gough was traced from Nairobi to Lake Kivu, in the Belgian Congo, where he was photographing big game.

He was reported to have said he would "rather face a gorilla than the crowd in the Epsom enclosure should Royal Minstrel be lucky enough to win."

Starting fifth in the betting at 100-5, Royal Minstrel ran. That's about all he did that day—just ran. Feasted won the Derby at 33-1. The one-and-a-half-mile course was too far for Royal Minstrel. The high action of his forelegs was not suited by the sharp descent to Tattenham Corner.

DEBUT DELAYED

Royal Minstrel was a gangling yearling when his trainer bought him at Doncaster. He did not run as a two-year-old, and he did not appear as a three-year-old until the Craven Stakes at Newmarket, a fortnight before the Guineas. He won this in a canter by six lengths after being backed down from 5-1 to 9-4.

Ridden in the Guineas by Harry Beasley, the lolling grey, still backward, rolled and became unbalanced as he raced into the Dip—a slight declivity about a furlong from the winning-post. Even then he was beaten only a head by Tattenham, ridden by Charles Elliott and trained by Jack Jarvis.

About then a well-known racegoer said of Cecil Boyd-Rochfort: "His conspicuously tall and strikingly handsome appearance is such that one cannot help wondering who he is. Whenever you see him he always looks the picture of serenity and composure; just as urbane and courteous when he has had a narrow reverse as with a stroke of fortune."

PROVED CORRECT

The captain proved this observation correct when after Royal Minstrel's defeat he said: "I am delighted with the way he ran. I hoped and believed he would win, but I am not given to undue optimism. I am quite satisfied and consider he ran a really good race."

The colt that failed in the Derby won the St. James's Palace Stakes (one mile) at Royal Ascot, and finished second—he was hampered—in the Eclipse Stakes. (As a four-year-old he won the Victoria Cup (seven furlongs) with 80-10, in a canter.

Owner Captain Gough said: "This is the first time I have seen my horse run. I cannot tell you how pleased I am." Then he collected the cup and was off, bound once more, it was said, for darkest Africa.

MAGNIFICENT

Just before Royal Minstrel—now grown into a magnificent racehorse—won the Craven and Orrey Stakes at Royal Ascot in June 1929 he was bought by one of the young Freemason Lodge American patrons, John Hay, Whitney, for a sum believed to be about £15,000.

He went to Sandown for his second bid for the mile and a quarter Eclipse Stakes, worth £12,000 to the winner—the richest prize until then in the history of the English Turf.

HAT TRICK HALVES

Strange happenings in the Manchester Amateur League. Both wing halves of Manchester Transport, Henshall and Povah, completed "hat tricks" in their match against Salford, and everyone of the Transport's forwards scored. Then CWS Radcliffe led 2-1 with five minutes to go against leaders, Flatts, but Flatts won alright by 4-2.

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TRADE and COMMERCE SECTION

WORLD RUBBER MARKETS

New York, Mar. 20.
The No. 1 RSS rubber futures contract today closed 5 to 10 points higher with sales of 64 contracts.

The standard contract closed at 40.00, 10 cents higher than the previous day's closing.

Active trading continued in the rubber market today, with the market showing a general upward trend. The market was influenced by a combination of factors, including a strong demand for rubber in the United States and a relatively stable supply from the Far East.

Factory interest in rubber remained strong, with many buyers looking for long-term contracts. The market was also influenced by the fact that the supply of rubber from the Far East was expected to remain relatively stable in the near future.

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HONGKONG STOCK EXCHANGE

(From Our Correspondent)

Business done on the Hong Kong Stock Exchange today amounted to approximately \$112,000. Noon quotations and the morning's transactions:

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TAXING OF CAPITAL GAINS In America

By J. KENNEDY MELLING

London, Mar. 20.

IN the United States, the taxation of capital gains and losses is an established part of the fiscal system. In Britain, it is a matter of acute political and economic controversy. Some of the outstanding facts about the American system can best be brought out by means of question and answer.

Q. What exactly is a capital gain or loss for a person in the United States?

A. The gain or loss arising from the sale of property, such as stocks, bonds, real estate, etc., which is not a capital gain or loss for a person in the United States.

Q. What sort of property is included in the definition of capital gain or loss?

A. Any property which is not a capital gain or loss for a person in the United States.

Q. How is a capital gain or loss calculated?

A. The gain or loss is calculated by subtracting the cost of the property from the sale price.

Q. How is a capital gain or loss taxed?

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NY COTTON FUTURES IRREGULAR

New York, Mar. 20.

Cotton futures today turned irregular after a buoyant start, although activity slackened as prices settled on lower ground.

At the close the list ruled up 4 to 27 points. Opening prices were up 22 to 27 points. New Orleans closed up 5 to 27 points lower.

Post-opening uncertainties reflected a confused viewpoint on the status of the cotton futures bill, and the question about whether the unfavorable for the President.

The Senate-approved bill, providing for higher support on cotton, now goes to the House.

Chairman Mr. Cawley will hear testimony of Agriculture Secretary Mr. Benson before any House-Senate conference is held on the measure.

Senate leader William F. Knowland, after a White House conference today, said the President will veto the bill unless it is "modified" in a Senate-House conference.

Market experts said interest continues to pivot mainly on Washington developments, backing up the usual rule of price shaping influences like crop market developments, textile market news and interest in the preliminary new crop picture.

Opening gains exceeding \$1 a bale on early new crop deliveries, reflected an overnight accumulation of buying orders on the Senate vote approving the farm bill with high price supports.

The certificated stock was unchanged at 12,763 bales.

Volume and open interest were:

Month Volume Open Interest

May 18,000 370,000

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HILTON HOTEL FOR COLOMBO

Colombo, Mar. 20.

Five years of negotiations between the Government of Ceylon and the American firm of Hilton Hotels International culminated today with the announcement that a 300-room luxury hotel will be built here at the cost of 15,000,000 rupees.

The structure will be constructed on a three-acre site behind the Governor-General's residence, or Queen's House, now being built at the Marine Drive.

American architects will arrive here soon to start working, with the help of local designers, on the blueprints. The entire design will embody ancient Sinhalese architecture but will provide the most modern in comfort. It will have assembly halls, a swimming pool, stores and accommodation for foreign embassies.

The entire structure will be air-conditioned.

The Government of Ceylon will share in the construction and maintenance of the hotel. — United Press.

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New York Market Irregular But Industrials Up

New York, Mar. 20.

Irregularity came into the stock market today but a number of top quality industrials scored gains large enough to lift their average to another all-time high.

Among the best performers, Bethlehem Steel ran up 3 1/2 points, Standard Oil New Jersey 2 3/8, Allied Chemical 1 1/2, Johns-Manville and Procter & Gamble 2 1/2 each. Union Carbide was 2 1/2 points higher.

The industrial average climbed 2.86 points, rails up 0.25, and utilities 0.02. Out of a total 1,103 issues traded, however, 528 were lower, 451 higher.

Turnover picked up a bit over yesterday's 2,060,000 shares from 2,070,000.

Steels were among the best of the groups. Along with Bethlehem, Youngstown Sheet and Tube ran up 3 points, Crucible and Inland 1 1/2 each. Republic and Armco around a point. US Steel improved fractionally.

There were wide gains in several special situations. International Business Machines spurred 11 points to \$458 as directors proposed a 5-for-4 stock split and Owens-Corning Fibers glass added a point on a two-for-one split proposal.

In the rails, Santa Fe climbed 1 1/2, Southern Railway 1 1/2, and Union Pacific 1 1/2. Baltimore and Ohio, however, lost nearly a point and Louisville and Nashville more than one.

Automobiles were neglected with General Motors off 1/2 to \$40 1/2, Chrysler down 1/2 to \$70 3/4, and Ford off 1/2 to \$61 1/2.

Metals, recent favorites, also lost ground. Anaconda dropped nearly 2, and Alcoa a point.

Bond volume on the New York Exchange \$5,440,000. Volume on the American Exchange was 1,280,000 shares.

Dow-Jones closing averages were:

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JOHN CLARK'S CASEBOOK

Henry's Friends

PEOPLE were everywhere. Crowds swarmed about the London streets and filled the seats in cinemas, restaurants, theatres, bars, buses. There were people in their homes, in hotels, in flats and furnished rooms, in luxury suites and common lodging houses. So many people and not one among them whom Henry could call friend.

He walked the streets alone, and self-pity swelled within him. Earlier that day, Henry, a lean, grey-haired, tense man of 50, had lost his job, walked out of it after a row, with the chef in the canteen where he had been working.

WRONG WAY OUT

HE badly wanted someone to console him; someone to whom he could roundly state his side of the row. He had no one to talk to, so he went into a bar, hoping drink might blunt the sharper edges of his misery.

Even as he took his first drink he knew he was a fool to choose that route to oblivion. Drinking had never brought him much besides trouble. Henry's first drink that evening tickled up his throat and the second did nothing noticeably to assuage it. In no time he had spent all his money.

PATING A CALL

HE decided to go and talk to his landlady. There was another job he might get, but it would mean night work, and Henry would need his landlady's sanction for keeping odd hours.

Henry knocked on the door of his landlady's sitting-room and entered. The room was empty, but sticking out of a vase on the mantelpiece were 14 pound notes. Henry, mazed by the drink in him, took the money and went out again to resume drinking. He did not return to his lodgings that night, but the landlady noticed her loss and told the police.

Presently Henry was arrested, and at a Clerkenwell court, he pleaded guilty to the theft of £14.

I'VE TRIED

"THIS man made a written statement," a police officer reported to the magistrate, Mr. E. G. Robey. "In it, he said: 'I bitterly regret this. I have tried so hard to get rid of drinking. I'm not used to talking much, but when I'm not drinking I'm a good citizen.'"

The policeman said of Henry's record, his 20 convictions. "But there have been none since 1954," he said, "in the main his offences have been committed while in drinking."

The magistrate asked Henry what he had to say. "I've tried very, very hard to live a straight life," Henry said with a kind of desperation. "Since I've come out of prison, I've not been out of work at all. I even got a job after stealing this money, and I hoped I might pay it back."

SINCERE

"D'YOU know, I've not had a friend for years. There are all these millions and millions of people everywhere, and I haven't one friend."

"I don't know how sincere you are about giving up drink," said the magistrate.

"Very sincere," Henry said. "Sincere from the bottom of my heart."

"If people are sincere, they're half-way to giving it up." The magistrate turned to the probation officer. "This man has made an effort," he said. "I'd like to try to help him give up drinking. I could. Will you see what you can do?"

The probation officer nodded. Henry was reminded so that help might be sought for him, and London for Henry was suddenly transformed, as his expression showed. It was suddenly beginning to be peopled with friends—friends in court.

Pedestrian Injured

A military jeep collided with a Chinese male pedestrian in Yee Chow Street, near Fuk Wing Street, at 8.30 p.m. yesterday. The pedestrian, Lee Keung, aged 29, of No. 123, Des Voeux Road, Central, first floor, sustained head injuries and was removed to hospital, where he is now detained for treatment.

HOME FROM HONGKONG WITH WIFE AND SON



Signalman Anthony Clarkson, of the Royal Signals, arrived at Southampton last week aboard the troopship Empire Orwell from Hongkong. With him, as seen in the picture, were his wife, Wong Bing-kee and their four-month-old son, Stephen, who was born in Hongkong. Signalman Clarkson's home is in Barnoldswick, Yorkshire.

—AP Photograph.

North Pt Wharves Meeting

The annual meeting of the North Point Wharves, Ltd., was held this morning under the chairmanship of Major S. M. Churn.

Addressing shareholders, Major Churn said: "The profit for the year under review was \$539,619 equal to 7.6% dividend, as compared with \$480,582 or 6.2% in 1954, an increase of about 12%."

During the year under review, Godown "K" was completed by the addition of two floors, adding 10,000 tons space to our growing capacity. Tonnage handled increased by 36% in 1955 and worked to an average of 95% capacity throughout the year.

The new office block and Superintendent's quarters were completed early in 1955 and have increased the efficiency of our staff and comfort of our clients.

LOYAL SERVICES

The integrity of your staff and labour force has again been amply demonstrated in that during the year under review we have not received any claims for pilferage or damage to cargo in our cars. I have pleasure in commending to you their loyal and reliable services and the manner in which they look after the Company's and its clients' interests. There has been included in the Directors' recommendations the usual attention for a bonus to the staff, which I feel sure will meet with your approval.

You will have observed that there is available for appropriation the sum of \$1,570,308. I beg to propose that the Directors' report, accounts and balance sheet, as presented be adopted, and that the balance available for distribution be dealt with as recommended by the Directors, namely: to pay a dividend of 8 cents per share, absorbing \$352,250; provide for taxation 1955/57 \$30,000; pay a bonus to the staff at the discretion of the Directors \$50,000; carry forward to next account \$1,018,058.

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Festival Of Arts THE UNIVERSITY'S CONTRIBUTION

Last night in the Hall of Wah Yan College, Hongkong, we saw the University's contribution to the Festival of Arts: Dryden's "The Secular Masque," and John Milton's "Comus."

You might think this stuff heavy going, but in fact it is not; at the same time you have to know something about theatre tradition, otherwise you wonder where it all fits in. Let me say right away that the Masques, the University troupe, are quite right in their choice of pieces; they represent, in the main, the Faculty of Arts and as such are the standard bearers of British culture in its truest aspect.

Now a Masque usually fitted into a play and it was an opportunity for the stage struck members of society to exercise their histrionic talents with their faces masked. The speaking and singing was done by the professional members of the company so I suppose everyone was happy, especially as the aristocratic players provided their own exquisite costumes.

Dryden's Masque does not call for dramatic criticism because it is sung, but it is interesting as a sort of *fin de siècle* affair of the 17th century. It is a mocking comment on that century which have messed up everything men can do in the way of music, drama, and love, but—try again. There is Janus, George Israel, a god looking backwards and forwards into time; Venus, Helen Strahan; Diana, the huntress, Florence MacFadden; Mars, Ray Simpson; Momus, Donald Gould, the god of laughter, who comments on man's folly; and Edmund Blunden as Chronos the god of Time. Attendances are Gay Simpson and Mary Visick.

Claire Blunden produced this opening miniature and also wrote an original prologue written for the occasion by Edmund Blunden.

"Comus," probably the greatest Masque in the English language, was written by John Milton. It is a beautiful thing conceived in a world not entirely unlike our own, in that everything had its price but nothing had its value. Milton took his theme from the stern puritan notion which rapidly replaced the crystallising, but his background was that romantic world of the Classics, which his more fanatical colleagues were soon to banish from England's shores.

But this is of little consequence for his language is those rolling phrases that enslave the moonlight and hold in thrall the many-hued moods of men and nature. It is not the Arcady of sun-drenched fields but rather of frosty moonlight; nevertheless a thing of exquisite beauty.

The wonder of it all to me was that the melodic English phrases slipped so lightly off the lips of Chinese undergraduates and that they portrayed with such infinite charm these characters Milton conceived so long ago.

Comus, a magician, (Stanley Yeow) portrays that strange paradox of evil beauty, Milton was to develop in his more mature years. The Lady, a female, Mul, whose ill-like beauty arouses the passions of evil. Two Spirits, pre-Harrietie Yapp and Helene Tehou who move and speak with grave charm. The Lady's brothers, Gerald Kent and Choy Kim Fun are gallant figures in this beautiful world of literary conceit. Sabrina is a blind possessing

magic power which finally frees the Lady from the wizard's wicked thrall. She is played by Annie Wong and moves as lightly as a moonbeam in that enchanted night. Other members of the faculty are masked as strange beasts, creatures of Comus.

The Masque tableaux is arranged by Helen Strahan, and the music, so tastefully selected, is played by S. M. Bard and Bernard Mellor.

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Prosecution Concludes In Manslaughter Trial

The Prosecution's case closed this morning in the trial of Cpl Richard Moore, 22, of the 7th Queen's Own Hussars, charged with the manslaughter of a train guard, Yu Choi-po, who was killed in a collision between a train and an Army tank in the New Territories.

The Crown alleged that the killing was caused through the negligence of the accused in his conduct, management and control of the tank.

The collision between the Kowloon-Canton Railway train and the 30-ton Comet tank occurred at Bird's Hill crossing, between Tai-po and Fanling, on November 12 last year.

Moore is being tried before Mr Justice J. Wicks and a Jury of six men and a woman at the Criminal Sessions.

Accused is defended by the Hon. Leo d'Almada, QC, and Mr Richard Winter, both instructed by Hastings and Co. Mr Desmond Mayne, Crown Counsel, is prosecuting, assisted

by Sub-Inspector T. E. Newton, Traffic Officer, New Territories.

Sub-Inspector Newton, who had described the scene of the accident yesterday, said under cross-examination this morning that he sent Moore for medical treatment after the accident. Although Moore was not injured, he appeared to need some treatment.

He agreed there was no question of any suspicion of Moore being under the influence of alcohol.

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ALLEGED OFFENSIVE POSTCARDS

Mrs Kay Byrne, of Room 404 Peninsula Hotel, appeared before Mr I. T. Morris at Kowloon this morning on three counts of sending offensive postcards by mail.

She pleaded not guilty through Mr Y. H. Chan of Messrs Lau, Chan & Co, and hearing of the case was fixed for April 14 at 10 a.m.

Mr Chan said he could be instructed by Mr B. A. Bernacchi for the defence.

DSI C. M. Johnston appeared for the prosecution.

Defendant was alleged to have sent three postcards, one at 4 p.m. on February 23, and two others at 6 p.m. on February 24 in Kowloon.

Mr Chan making an application for particulars of the passage objected to in the postcards said the summons carried the bare statement that defendant had sent by post an offensive postcard. This was not sufficiently particularised.

A few days ago, Mr Chan said, defendant had been allowed to make copies of the postcards by the Crown. That being so, the Crown must let her know what part they objected to. He applied for the particulars in order to prepare the defence.

Inspector Johnston said he would supply the particulars to the defence, and to the court as well before the trial.

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TOOK STATEMENT

In the evening, witness said, he took a statement from Moore.

Sub-Inspector Newton agreed that he was the one who conducted the committal proceedings on behalf of the Crown. The accused gave evidence at those proceedings. He cross-examined Moore, who was re-examined by his solicitor.

At this stage, Mr d'Almada with the Court's permission read to the Jury portions of the depositions made by Moore.

In the deposition, Moore said he had no idea of the train's time table.

As he came up to the train track he had his carphones on. The tank approached the line at two or three miles per hour. On tracks like this he expected the tank driver to be looking ahead.

He could not do otherwise.

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